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HITLER BOUND FOR AUSTRIA

Berlin, To-day.
It is expected that Hitler will go to Austria on Monday to participate in the celebrations in connexion with the anniversary of the anchluss.—Reuter.

SPANISH COAST DRAMA: BRITISH DESTROYERS GIVEN ORDERS

London, To-day.
Two dramatic wireless messages from the British steamer Bellwyn, addressed to all stations and British warships have been picked up by the Land's End radio station.

The first message was partially jammed but apparently sought to report that the Bellwyn had been ordered to Palma, Majorca, by a warship.

The message also said that the British steamer Stangate (which had run the Spanish Nationalist blockade into Valencia with food supplies and was on her way home) was under escort proceeding to Palma.

ADMIRALTY ORDER

A later message stated: "Have now been let alone. Please rescue Stangate which has been taken to Palma."

Reuter was informed at the Admiralty that two British destroyers, H.M.S. Intrepid and H.M.S. Impulsive, have been sent to intercept the Stangate.

Intrepid was nearest the scene, and Impulsive was instructed later to join up.—Reuter.

Drastic Steps In Slovak Zone

The Prague Government was master of the situation in the autonomous province of Slovakia last night, says a Reuter despatch from Prague received in Hong Kong early this morning, though it cannot be said that the long drawn-out conflict between the Czechs and Slovaks is settled.

This development follows drastic steps taken to nip in the bud an insurrection planned by Slovak separatists.

There were signs that the German minority in Slovakia were encouraging the separatist movement, which if successful would have broken up still further the new Czecho-Slovakian State as created after Munich.

It is significant that one of the Slovak ex-Ministers, Durcansky, dismissed by the Czecho-Slovak President Hacha, has left for Berlin, where he will presumably see Hitler.

There is much sympathy in Berlin for the Slovak separatist movement.

MARTIAL LAW

First messages from Prague this morning announced that martial law had been proclaimed only in the Slovak spa of Peistany and not Bratislava.

Before leaving for Bratislava (the Slovak capital), Vice-President Sidor declared that decision in the Slovak problem no longer lay in Prague but in Bratislava.

The German minority in Slovakia was alleged in some quarters in Prague to be showing a tendency to encourage the Slovak extremists.

Berlin, however, did not appear at first to be giving any encouragement to the radical elements, as the recent visit to Berlin of two Slovak Ministers who have now been dismissed, was reported to have been a failure.

DR. TISO ARRESTED

Dr. Tiso, hitherto Slovak Premier, and other Slovak Ministers, are confined to their houses under police supervision; and the arrest of

STAR FERRY INCIDENT

E. O. REPRICH, 28, A GERMAN, RESIDING AT NO. 295, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, IS NOW LYING IN THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF IMMERSION, FOLLOWING IT IS ALLEGED AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE FROM A STAR FERRY LAST NIGHT.

Reprich, who was a passenger in the "Night Star," was seen to jump or fall into the harbour at about 11.45 p.m.

Two ratings from H.M.S. Birmingham, Stoker Roger and Stoker Davis, jumped in after him and rescued him.

He was taken aboard No. 8 Police launch. He had suffered an injury to his arm and was removed to Kowloon Hospital where his condition is described as good.

other extremist leaders is confirmed.

In Berlin a semi-official statement says that the Slovak ex-Minister, Durcansky, accompanied

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DR. SCHACHT OFF ON "HOLIDAY"

BERLIN, TO-DAY.
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT DR. HJALMAR SCHACHT, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REICHSBANK, IS STARTING ON HIS "HOLIDAY" TO-DAY. He is not going to India direct

but is making a stop in between probably in Italy or Egypt, and is going on to India at the end of the month.

It is understood that a trip to Australia is a possibility.—Reuter.

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The Value Of Nuts As Food

By EDITH M. BARBER

Under the general term nuts are classified many different products which all have some things in common. The nut meats are encased in shells. Some of them have a double thickness of shell. Most nuts hang like fruits from the trees, but we find the cashew nut, for instance, growing out of the end of the cashew fruit.

Both coconuts and Brazil nuts have outer shells. That of the latter is so hard that it must be sawed through before the individual nuts, which fit closely, fifteen or twenty of them, can be removed.

With the exception of chestnuts, the nuts which we commonly use are high in fat and all have a large protein content. They vary in mineral and vitamin content, but all of them, which have been tested on these counts, supply some of these ingredients. While we are inclined to use nuts generally as an accessory and particularly on account of flavour and texture, they may be given a more important place in the diet, if for any reason it is necessary to omit meat or to reduce the quantity. Many a man in the absence of other food has depended upon nuts to supply him with diet essentials.

For the sake easy digestion, nuts must be chewed thoroughly or chopped or ground finely. We make use of peanuts which, although they differ botanically from real nuts, are generally classed with them for "butter." In this form we have a staple food, which children may take liberally and which many adults also like. Our peanut supply comes from this country as do our pecans, many of our walnuts, and some of our almonds. Filberts are supplied by Italy, Spain and Turkey. Italy also sends us pistachios. Most of the cashews come from India, and Brazil nuts are native to the country whose name they bear.

NUT POTATO CROQUETTES

2 cups hot mashed potatoes.
1/4 cup cream or milk.
1/2 teaspoon baking powder.

Witty Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau talks about the stuffy time he had at the jinks party, he means he ate too many sandwiches.



"It's getting so now," says ironic Irene, "we are tempted to keep the tax and send the government our income."

1/2 teaspoon salt.

Pepper.

1 cup crushed nuts.

To the hot potatoes add the cream or milk, baking powder, seasoning and half the nuts. Spread mixture on plate and cool. Shape, roll in nuts and cook in deep, hot fat, 300 degrees Fahr., until golden brown. Drain on soft paper.

NUT SAUCE

1/2 cup butter.

1/2 cup sliced nuts.

1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Melt one tablespoon of the butter and brown the sliced nuts in it. When brown, add the remaining butter and lemon juice. Serve with broiled or fried fish.

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Now the oil treatment has taken a new step, inspired by fashion which has put our hands in the limelight with new fingerless mitts, hunks of lavish jewelry and the vogue for the vivid and luscious new colours in nail lacquers.

Split nails are an incongruous with milady's new roles of elegance as the boyish bob or skirts above our knees! It is now "look to your hands, Madame," and "particularly to nail care!"

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Each of us desires flexible, healthy nails so that we may wear them of fashionable length, smartly shaped ovaly. And we also expect our nails to take the "hard knocks" we give them without breaking off. So special care is required, particularly now during cold weather when even steam heated homes conspire to make our nails dry and flaky.

If you can afford such a reconditioning manicure as described here you will save yourself a lot of exasperation. Your nails will get scientific lubricating. Check up, also on your calcium and phosphate intake to be assured that your nails are getting the nourishment they need from within. Such consideration will keep your hands fashionably lovely and they will speak of the meticulous beauty who owns them!

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Salt Virtually A Necessity

By EDITH M. BARBER

"The condiment of condiments," thus Plutarch described salt. The Greeks at one time consecrated salt to the gods, while the more material Romans named one of their splendid roads the Salarian Way in its honour. Roman soldiers received their pay in salarium or salt money. Rebellious provinces were punished by depriving them of the privilege of buying this commodity.

Prisoners were sometimes sentenced to be served food without salt. This not only deprived them of flavour, but resulted in serious physical consequences when they were also deprived of meat.

While it is possible to live without salt, if meat is eaten in liberal quantities, most of us would find it difficult to take enough food to satisfy us if we had to do without it entirely. And seldom would we enjoy our meals in its absence. Of course, it is true that many of us use so much that we ruin our palate for other flavours. You all know me — and women — who shake the salt-cellar over food before they taste it. I call this practice an insult to the cook. Taste first, and salt afterward — if necessary, or if you think it is.

In cookery there is hardly anything that is not improved by a touch of salt which, however, should

be used discreetly and to a refined taste. A good cook will test a dish for seasoning and not depend entirely upon measurements.

SPECIAL STRING BEANS

- 1 pound string beans.
- 1 onion sliced.
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms.
- 1 egg yolk.
- 1/4 cup cream.
- 1 teaspoon minced parsley.
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Salt.

Paprika.

Pepper.

Nutmeg.

Wash beans and cut into inch pieces. Add onion and mushrooms, one-quarter cup water and one-quarter teaspoon sugar. Cover and cook over low fire until beans are tender. Beat egg yolk, add cream, parsley and lemon juice. Add this mixture to the beans and stir until hot. Add seasoning to taste. Serve.

BAKED SALT MACKEREL

Soak mackerel overnight. Drain, dredge with flour and pepper. Arrange in a greased pan and half cover with rich milk. Bake in a moderately-hot oven, 400 degrees F., about fifteen minutes, until fish is tender. Add one-fourth cup of cream and cook ten minutes more.

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**WRECK SEIZED BY
GERMAN TANKER**Salvage Vessels
Too Late**ATLANTIC WIRELESS
TALK OVERHEARD**

The after part of the Norwegian tanker Jaguar, 5,500 tons, which broke in two in mid-Atlantic, has been found and seized by the German tanker Poulharleit, south of the Azores.

The Norwegian company Storebrand, insurers of the Jaguar, had engaged the Dutch tug Thames and the German tug Seefalke to salvage the remains of the tanker on a "no cure, on pay" basis.

One hour before they reached the wreck the master of the Poulharleit succeeded in placing a crew on board. He ran up the German flag and took the wreck in tow. When the salvage vessels arrived he refused to let their men take the wreck.

At dawn the Poulharleit sent out a wireless warning that the after part of a tanker constituted danger to shipping at 35 north 31 west. At 8.15 the Poulharleit wirelessed that she had identified the wreck as the Jaguar and had taken it in tow.

NORWEGIAN PROTEST

The Storebrand company claims, however, that the Poulharleit had found the Jaguar, not by chance, but by picking up correspondence between the British ship Lowther Castle, 5,171 tons, and the Seefalke. The Lowther Castle informed the Seefalke of the position of the wreckage, and was asked by the Seefalke to stand by till she or the Thames could arrive.

When the salvage tugs appeared, however, they found the wreck in charge of the Poulharleit, the master of which declared it to be German property. This attitude is maintained by the Poulharleit's owners, the German-American Petrol Company.

It is understood that a protest is being lodged in Berlin by the Norwegian Foreign Office.

The after part of the Jaguar had drifted 1,000 miles after breaking off from the fore part of the ship. The crew of 37 were rescued thanks to the chance appearance of the steamer Duala, 1,800 tons.

**DROWNED IN
BEER**

A sixty-three-year-old woman, Annie Mahya, has been drowned in a tank of beer at East London, South Africa.

During a drinking party she crawled on her hands and knees into the room where the beer was kept and, as she leaned over the tank to ladle out more, she overbalanced and fell head first into the beer.

Some time later her friends went to see what was keeping Annie, and they were shocked to see her legs sticking out of the tank.

**BRITISH LABOUR
PARTY ISSUES
WARNING**

LONDON, MARCH 6.

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE LABOUR PARTY TO-DAY ISSUED A STATEMENT WARNING ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AGAINST ASSOCIATING WITH THE CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED IN FAVOUR OF A POPULAR FRONT BY SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, EXPELLED MEMBER OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

"Although considerable freedom of discussion has always been allowed by the Party, action has been occasionally taken in the past when the fundamental basis of the Party had been challenged," the statement declared. "The Executive of the Party proposes in future to administer the responsibilities placed upon it in the same reasonable way as in the past, but desires to make clear that it will exercise full powers by excluding an organization or individual member where differences are fundamental or where action indicates such a wide divergence from the party constitution, programmes, principles, or policy, as to impair the qualifications required for membership."

The Executive added that it would be compelled to expel any member participating in the Popular Front campaign. — Havas.

**NEW YORK MAYOR
FLAYS DICTATORS**Answer To Germany's
Press Campaign

New York, March 4.

"Diplomatic language can only be used when one is talking with gentlemen", exploded New York's fiery Mayor, Fiorello LaGuardia before a crowds gathered here last night to hold a protest mass meeting against the activities of the pro-Nazi German-American "Bund".

The Mayor was answering the press campaign launched against him in Germany following his repeated denunciations of totalitarian agents in America.

"We cannot use the diplomatic language when speaking to those dictators. Let us tell them that their ideologies are unwelcome in this country and that the activities of their minions is 'verboten' on the continent." — Havas.

**TELEVISION
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Claims advanced that the United States has television—in experimental form—superior to Britain are to be investigated by Mr. Gerald Cock, B.B.C. Television Director, who is to visit New York shortly.

Although Britain has the only daily television service in the world, it is claimed that when the U.S. regular service comes into operation later this year, it will have a 100-mile range compared with one of 40 in this country.

SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS

The gravity of the inroads of a dangerous infectious disease now prevailing in this Colony, is the subject of a public appeal by the Medical Dept.

For some weeks past there has been a steady increase in the number of recognised cases of cerebrospinal meningitis — sometimes called "spotted fever."

In point of fact, twice as many sufferers have been encountered this year as compared with those seen during the corresponding period last year; and the outbreak in 1938 was the worst that this Colony had experienced for twenty years.

At the present moment nearly seventy patients with this disease are being cared for in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Kennedy Town.

ALL AGES

Cerebro-spinal meningitis claims victims from all ages, the majority of those attacked last year being children and young persons under fifteen years of age. Many children and even young babies die from it and the chances of recovery with all the amount of medical care and nursing lavished upon patients were about one in two last year.

The question may be rightly asked "How is the infection spread?" The answer is "By persons suffering from the disease or who have recovered from an attack and others who innocently harbour the germ in the back of their throats, i.e., "carriers".

Apart from the influence of general ill-health, underfeeding and a general low standard of personal and domestic hygiene, the two more important factors in the spread of cerebro-spinal meningitis are overcrowding and bad ventilation.

REFUGEE PROBLEM

The heavy influx of refugees and the impossibility of keeping pace with the demands for housing accommodation and depressed economic standards have greatly aggravated the problem of overcrowding in this Colony—tenement floors which used to house fifteen to seventeen now have to shelter as many as sixty.

With all its efforts to provide camps for refugees and destitutes, Government is faced with an impossible task at the moment in so far as any real relief of the overcrowding problem is practicable.

That, however, does not mean that nothing can be done to assist in stamping out this outbreak of infectious disease. This is far from being the case. The community can give very useful help to the Health Authorities by reporting immediately to the nearest doctor cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis—characteristic symptoms of which include headache, fever, stiffness of the neck and back, vomiting, convulsions in children, and, not infrequently, loss of consciousness and a rash.

VENTILATION IMPORTANT

Even before any actual cases occur in a household, the general public can assist very materially in the prevention of the disease by doing all they can to improve the ventilation of their homes which should be flushed through with fresh air as often as possible, windows being kept open both day and night. Some people object to keeping windows open at night owing to the fear of thieves and intruders. This difficulty can be surmounted by having expanded metal or a few iron bars placed across the window space.

A special appeal is made to proprietors of cinemas, theatres, certain types of restaurants and eating shops, mahjong houses, clubs and similar places where large numbers of persons



Shirley Temple and Bill Robinson in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

congregate, to do their best to maintain a high standard of ventilation and, in the case of cinemas and theatres, to ensure that the whole atmosphere is completely changed between each performance.

If all cooperate willingly with the Health Authorities in just these two simple measures, much avoidable suffering and loss of life from cerebro-spinal meningitis may be attained.

K.C.C. PRIZE-GIVING AND SMOKER

To-night, commencing at 9.15 p.m. the Kowloon Cricket Club will hold their annual prize distribution and a particularly enjoyable evening is promised with the enlistment of the services of many leading local entertainers.

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AUSTRIA INCLUDED IN RELIGIOUS LAW

Berlin, March 5.

The Home Ministry has decreed that the bill on the religious education of children has been extended to include Austria as from March 1. Competent quarters believe that the decision was taken in order to weaken the Catholic Church in Austria.

Up till now, when parents were converted to another religion, they could request that the new faith be taught their children. Henceforth, they can request this for children of from 7 to 12 years of age, but above this age no change can be forced upon a child without its consent. — Havas.

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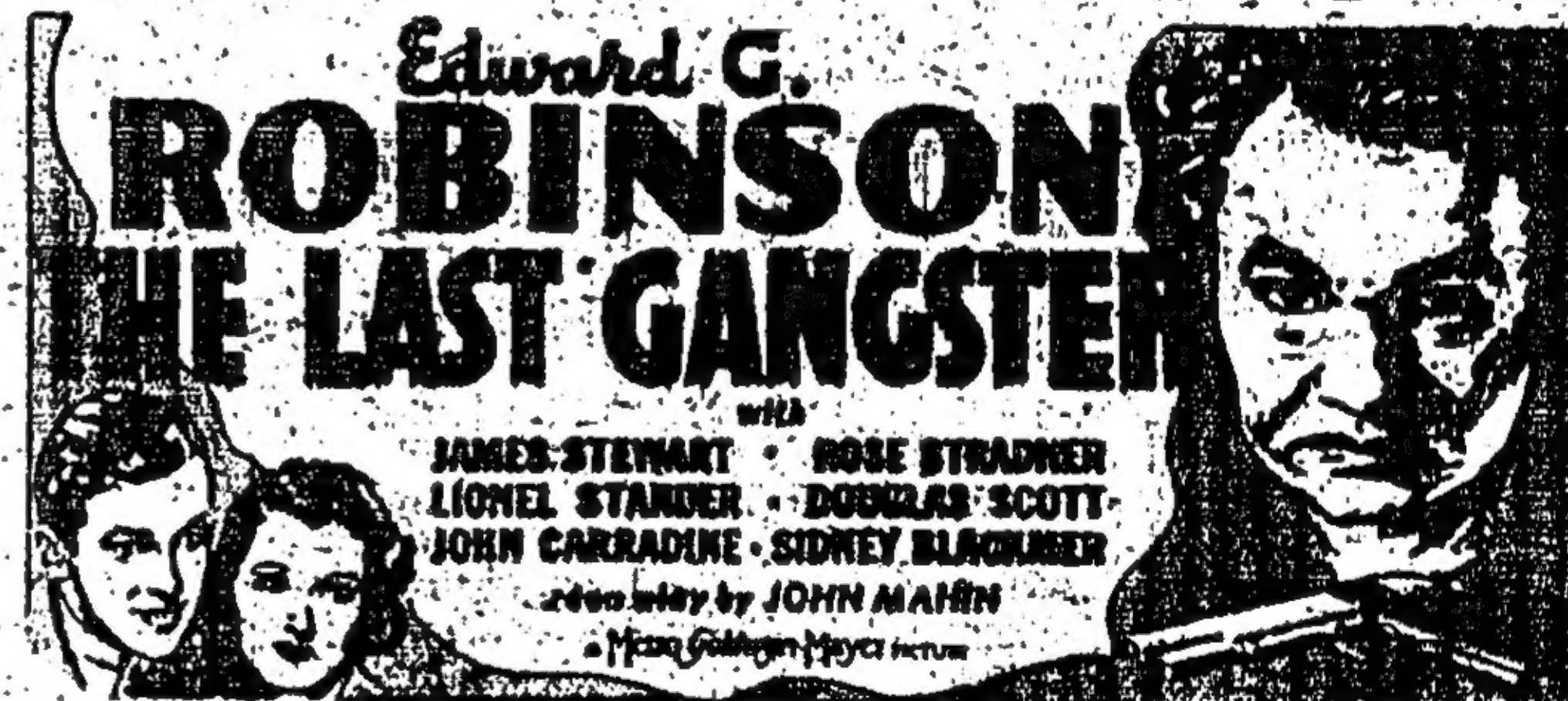
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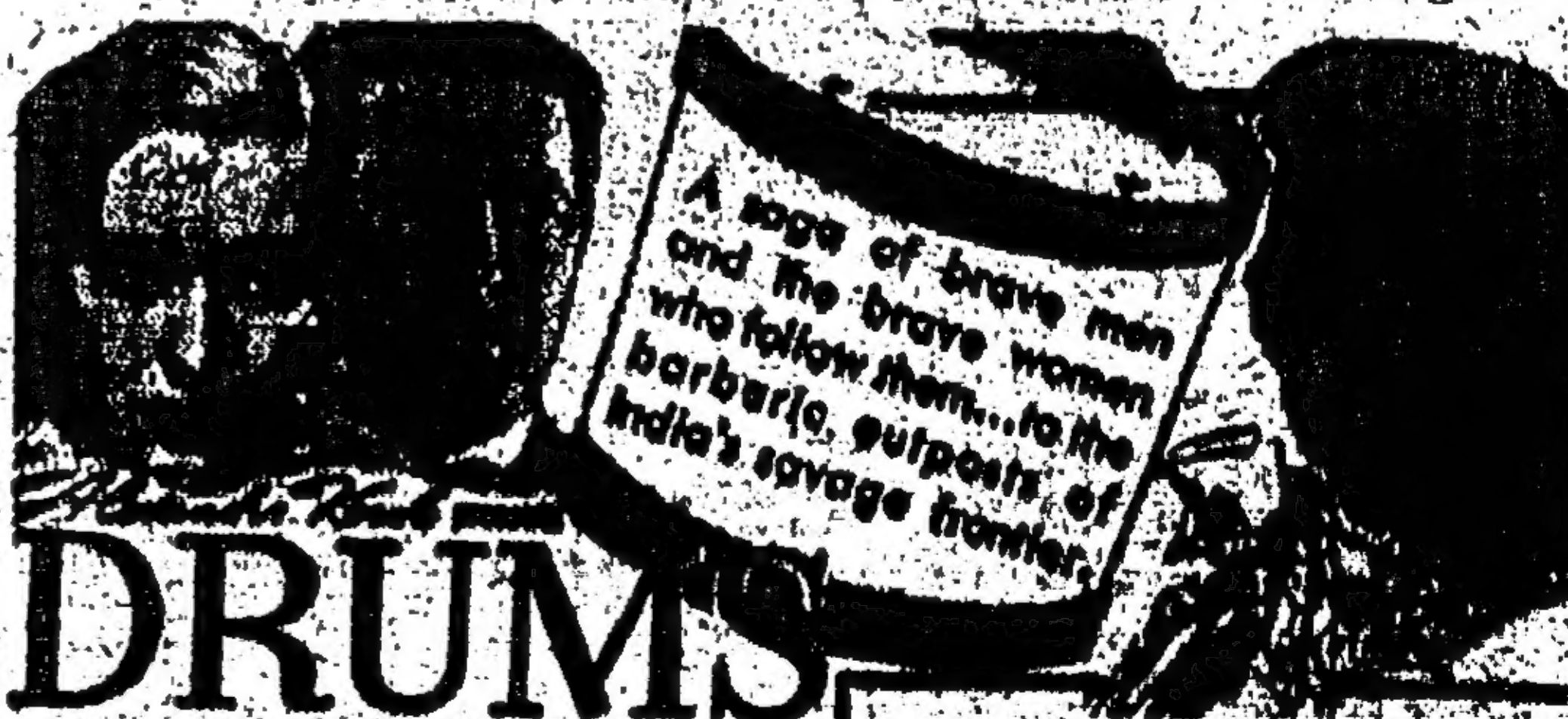
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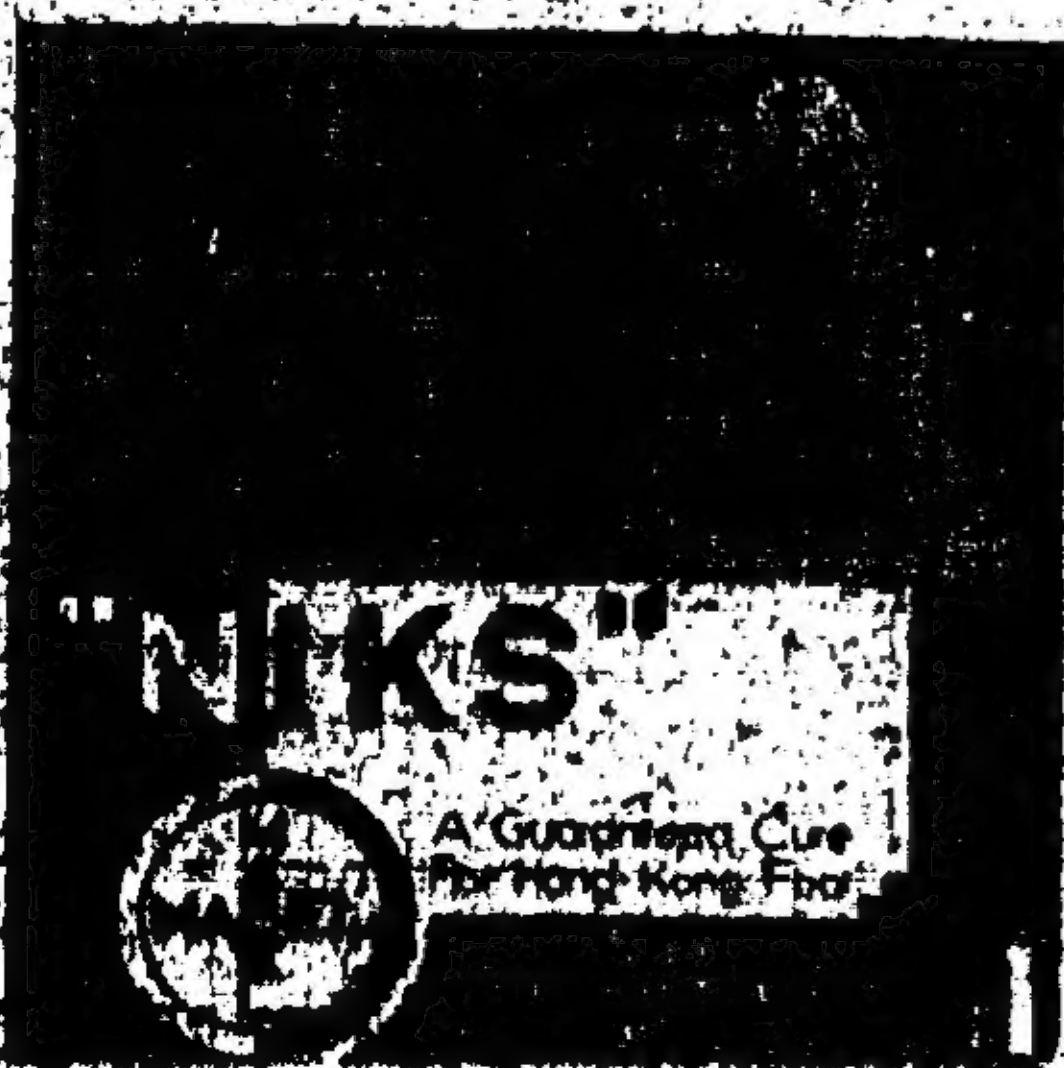
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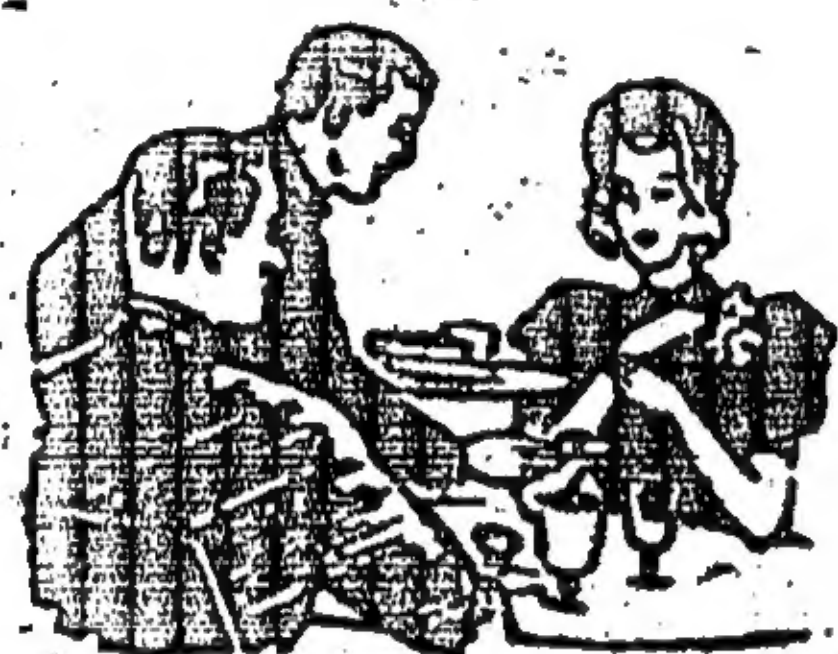
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JAPANESE ENCROACHMENT UPON BRITISH SHIPPING INTERESTS REVEALED

London, To-day.

In the course of its Report dealing with the Japanese threat to British shipping in the Orient, the Imperial Shipping Committee states that the Japanese share of Orient trade through the Panama Canal has risen about two-fifths while the British share has fallen from one-third to one-fifth.

The American share has dropped from one-third to one-eighth. The Japanese mercantile marine is increasing on account of the growing trade to and from Japan, and special measures have been taken by Japan to support shipping as promoting new trade.

In 1936, Japanese vessels operating cost was about 10 to 15 per cent. below that of British vessels.

The Report urges better equipment to enable British ships to compete more effectively with foreign lines for passengers, and recommends a devolution in management, including more authority for Eastern representatives.

"The issues involved concern naval and economic defence in time of peace and war.

BRITISH INTERESTS

"What Singapore is to the Navy and to the Air Force, that are the market of the Orient to the mercantile marine.

"The prosperity of Great Britain's mercantile and banking interests in the Far East depends on the ability of British merchant shipping to keep its share in the carrying trade in Far Eastern waters."—Reuter.

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND'S YACHT SAFE

Hollywood, To-day.

The Duke of Sutherland's yacht, the Sans Peur, which struck a rock in the Gulf of California on February 21, arrived at San Pedro safely yesterday.

The yacht will be drydocked at Long Beach, California, for repair, though the damage is reported to be slight.

Immediately following the accident to the yacht a tug left for the scene from San Pedro — a five day voyage.

The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland had started on a Pacific cruise in the Sans Peur early in January.

The guests on board included Mrs. Audrey Sloane-Stanley, Miss Elizabeth Leveson-Gower, the Duke's niece, and Mr. William Dudley-Ward. — Reuter.

MISS MARGERY FRY URGES CHINA'S CAUSE

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of York, in a message to the opening session of the National Conference on China in London last night, referred to the "heroic struggle" of the Chinese.

He added: "I feel almost ashamed that it has been found impossible for the organised Powers hitherto to bring their suffering to an end."

Miss Margery Fry, who presided at the Conference, said this country did not completely understand how vitally what was happening in the Far East would affect our lives.

Miss Fry added: "If Japan were to win, one-fifth of the human race would suddenly be brought into the industrial world as a semi-slave populace."—Reuter.

JEWES REJECT BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that a written communication drafted by the executive of the Jewish Agency was communicated to the British Government yesterday morning.

It is believed the communication stresses the Jewish attitude that the idea of an independent Palestine State, which would in fact amount to an Arab State, is wholly unacceptable to them.

It is stated that no proposals which fall to guarantee the organic growth of the Jewish national home can be considered by the Jewish Agency as a basis for further discussion.

It is feared in Jewish circles that the Government's final proposals are unlikely to differ substantially from the official suggestions put forward a fortnight ago. — Reuter.

BOMB FOUND IN GERMAN COLONY

Jerusalem, To-day.

A bomb was discovered in the German colony in Jerusalem and destroyed before it could explode.

No arrests have been made so far. — Trans-Ocean.

Long Penal Servitude Sentences On I.R.A. Plotters

FIVE MEN AND WOMEN GUILTY AT MANCHESTER

London, To-day.

Manchester's conspiracy trial of those arrested in connection with Irish Republican Army outrages, ended yesterday when five men and one woman were found guilty on all counts.

A man, Michael Rory Campbell, was sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude, and the woman, Mary Glenn, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

Patrick O'Connell, Dennis Duggan, John Glen and John Gavahan each received 20 years' penal servitude and Patrick Deviney 14 years' penal servitude. One man was found not guilty.

Campbell, when sentenced, shouted: "Well, it is for the good of the cause, and I would do it again. God save Ireland."

A warder put his hand over Campbell's mouth and there was a furious tussle in the dock, while a woman in court screamed "Rory, Rory!"

DIABOLICAL PLOT

The Judge, sentencing Campbell, said the jury had found him guilty on the clearest possible evidence of being engaged in a conspiracy of a diabolical character.

It must have been apparent to him that if he had succeeded and the explosions he planned had occurred, the lives of perfectly innocent people would have been imperilled.

"GOD SAVE IRELAND"

Mary Glenn, when sentenced, said in a loud clear voice: "God save Ireland." A warder put his hand over her mouth and she was taken below.

John Glenn and John Gavahan when sentenced shouted: "God save Ireland," and Duggan shouted: "Up the Republicans!"—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Hon. Mr. Stanley Dodwell, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be temporarily, during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. T. E. Pearce, provisionally, and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, in the place of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, who is temporarily absent from the Colony.

ARITA PLANNING PROTEST

Tokyo, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, declared in the Diet yesterday that Japan must study the advisability or otherwise of protesting to Britain regarding establishment of the £10,000,000 stabilisation fund to support the Chinese currency.

The Japanese Government recognised that the fund would strengthen the Chiang Kai-shek regime, although it would be intended to stabilise the Chinese national currency and thereby safeguard British economic interests.—Reuter.

FRENCH ENVOY EXPRESSES SYMPATHY WITH CHINA

Chungking, To-day.

M. Henri Cosme, the new French Ambassador, presented his credentials to President Lin Sen yesterday afternoon.

In the course of his speech, M. Cosme referred to his mission in China as the happiest development in his diplomatic career.

He was glad to return to a country where he had many friends, and to express to President Lin Sen the intense sympathy which inspired the French people in their attitude towards China.

In reply, President Lin Sen expressed confidence that the presence of the new Ambassador in China would not fail to strengthen the ties of friendship already existing between the Chinese and French Republics.—Reuter.

GEN. HERTZOG ON PEACE

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY.

BELIEF THAT THE PEACE OF EUROPE WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR A LONG TIME WAS EXPRESSED BY GENERAL HERTZOG, THE PREMIER, IN A SPEECH HERE YESTERDAY.

He added that the international outlook was more auspicious but there was no guarantee that peace would last.

Britain was only rearming to let people who wanted war know that they would be answered.—Reuter.

BEETLE MAY CAUSE VEGETABLE BAN

A ban on Dutch vegetable imports into England is now being considered by the Ministry of Agriculture owing to the danger of introducing the dreaded Colorado beetle, which has now definitely been discovered in Holland.

The Ministry refused to tell when the ban was likely to be imposed, or how rigorous it would be. They admitted, however, that the question was now under discussion with the Dutch authorities.

The ban, if imposed, is likely to operate before April 20, as the latter end of April is the start of the beetle's active season.

Holland is the latest country in Europe to fall victim to a species of

beetle which sweeps crops of vegetables like a plague of locusts.

The Colorado beetle first appeared in France during the war. It is believed to have come over in food supplies from America.

It is now so firmly established in France that all potato imports into Britain from that country have been forbidden for many years, and during the danger period—April to October—fresh vegetable imports are only allowed from areas certified to be at least 50 kilometres from the nearest outbreak.

Grave anxiety was caused there years ago when one solitary live beetle was discovered in the Thames near a ship which had just arrived from an American port.

Franco Threatens To Defy British Navy

Burgos, To-day.

National Spanish quarters protest against the British attitude concerning the blockade by the National Spanish fleet.

They argue that de jure recognition of the Franco Government by Britain and France automatically means the recognition of belligerent rights.

Spanish warships would not be denied the right to shell and, if necessary, sink merchantmen trying to enter Spanish waters.

It is added in Burgos that if such merchantmen should try to escape, warships would pursue them even outside Spanish territorial waters.

GERMAN COMMENT

The statement by Lord Halifax in the House of Lords on the proclamation of the blockade is considered to be "extremely serious" in German political quarters.

The German press is unanimous in stating that the Halifax speech is bound to lead to new complications.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says that the British Government, instead of drawing the obvious consequences from developments, again gets entangled in doubtful technicalities.

The Berlin "Lokalanzeiger" declares that if as result of the British attitude a dangerous incident occurred the responsibility would rest on the British Government.—Trans-Ocean.

P.W.D. GARAGES TO BE TURNED INTO OFFICES

Government is proposing to convert the P.W.D. garages into new offices.

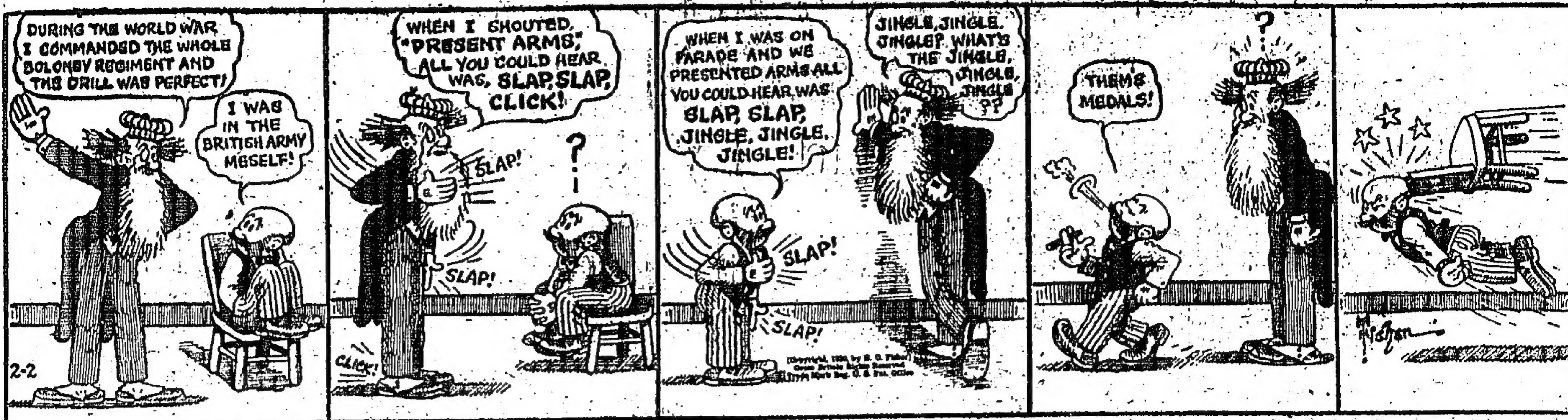
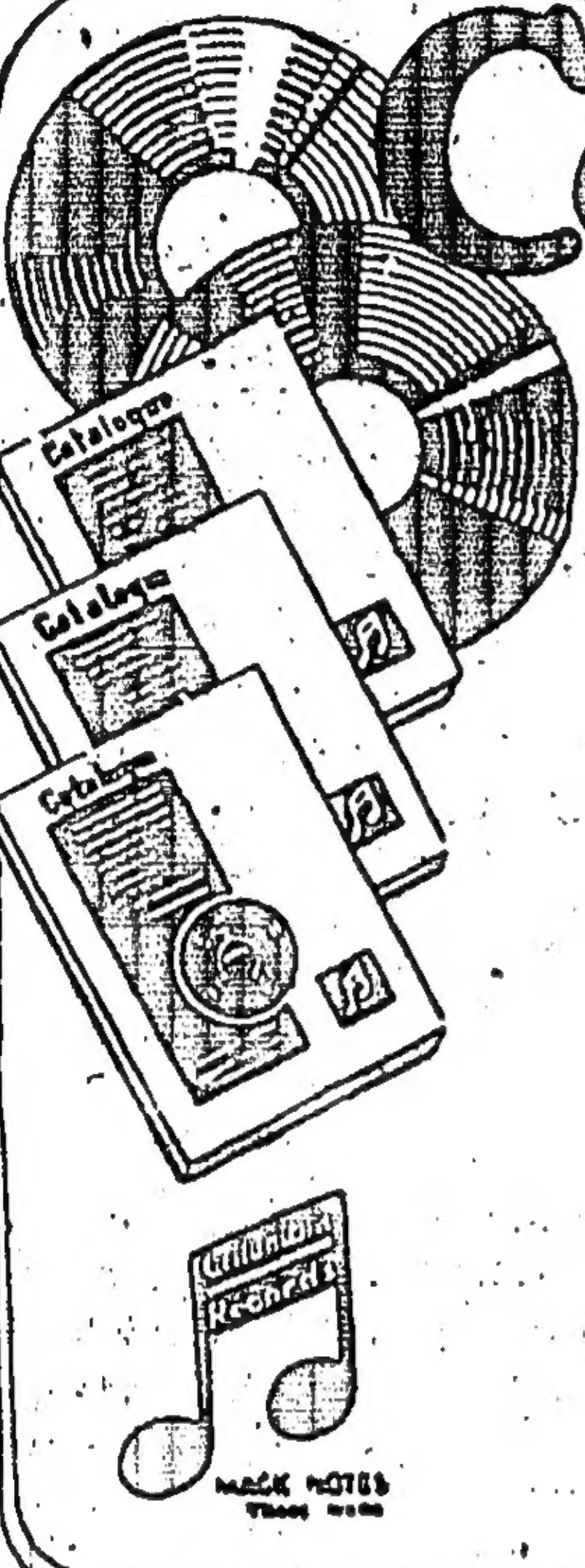
Tenders for the work are called for in the "Gazette."

It is proposed partially to demolish the existing garages and to add an extra storey to convert them into offices.

The Dairy Farm Gala-Dance, held last night at Peninsula Hotel, was very well attended. This is the first dance the Company has held in several years.

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No Powder Marks

Inspector Barb Hodges came into the death room and found District Attorney Martin bending over the body of a girl on the floor. A guard was stationed at the door. Two uniformed men roamed about the room, prying into things like curious children. "How does it look, Tom?" the inspector asked, pointing with a rolled-up newspaper toward the corpse. The D. A. grunted, glanced up and got to his feet. "This is one time I pulled a fast one on you, Bart. The girl here was murdered. There isn't a single powder mark on her face."

There was a triumphant note in the D. A.'s tone. It wasn't often he could find a flaw in the inspector's analysis of a case, a fact which was decidedly irritating at times. Hodges nodded.

"Sounds like logical reasoning, Tom. If she'd shot herself there would have been powder marks, sure enough." "Furthermore," the D. A. went on, striving to restrain his elation, "I've got the kid downstairs who did it. He was mad about the girl. Jealous as the devil."

"You sure work fast, Tom. Who is the kid and who was he jealous over?" "Name of Bob Emery. And he went green every time anyone else looked at her, especially a bird named Travis. She was giving Travis a lot of time and Emery found it out, came up here to the girl's room and had it out with her. Probably the old stuff about killing her unless she would be his."

The inspector blew smoke rings at the ceiling, eyes narrowed. "Where'd you pick this Emery kid up?" "At his house. The gun is his. He admitted it!" "Didn't admit killing the girl, did he?"

"Of course not. But he will after I work on him a while." "Don't be too sure, Tom." Hodges walked over to a window and stood a moment or two in thoughtful silence. The D. A.'s methods of "working" on a victim were only too familiar to him. Usually, especially when the victim was a boy, he'd admit anything to get away.

Hodges swung around suddenly. "Listen, Tom I hate to disappoint you, but that girl killed herself." The D. A.'s face went purple. "Don't be a fool, inspector. If she had there would have been powder marks. You can't deny that. Besides, what was she doing with the kid's gun?"

Hodges crushed out his cigarette in an ash tray. "Plenty. She went to the kid's room last night. She was in trouble and wanted him to marry her. He was a skunk all right. He kicked her out. She grabbed up the gun and threatened him. They struggled. The kid got hold of the gun and threw it out the window. Then he carried the girl outside, and locked the door. She hunted around the house, found the gun and returned home."

"Well?" said the D. A. far from convinced. The inspector gestured again with his rolled up newspaper. "Life didn't mean much to her after he'd thrown her out. Still she wanted revenge and she saw an excellent chance to get it. She shot herself. She shot herself and made it look like murder. She knew they'd round up the kid."

The D. A. sighed, as though in relief.

"Pretty thin, Bart. Pretty thin. If the girl had shot herself there'd have been powder marks."

Hodges slowly unfolded the rolled-up newspaper. "Not necessarily, Tom. Not when the girl was smart like this one." He spread out the paper and flicked up the first few pages. The D. A. stared with a growing curiosity. A corner of an inner page showed a bullet hole, with powder marks on one side.

"Get the idea, Tom?" Hodges smiled, chance to get it. She had his gun. "She laid the paper on the table, lifted the first three pages and shot through this inner page. It prevented powder marks from showing on her forehead."

By James Freeman

The concussion of the shot jarred the first three pages back into place and the paper fell to the floor. "Innocent-looking thing, isn't it—when it's folded up nice like this." He smiled again. "Sorry you couldn't pull your fast one, Tom, but I was up here this morning before the news reached your office." (Copyright, 1939, By The Associated Newspapers.)

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BIG BATTLE RAGING IN EASTERN MADRID

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Madrid, To-day.

A big battle was raging yesterday in the Plaza de Manuel Becerra, in the eastern section of the city, between the Communist rebels and General Miaja's motorised troops. Tanks were used by both sides.

General Miaja claims to have taken the Plaza. The rebels are likely to be trapped, as the Junta's forces are advancing from the centre of the city to join those coming from Canillejas.

The Madrid Defence Council, in a broadcast at midday, claimed that the Junta had taken many buildings held by the Communists in the centre of the city.

It is reported that General Miaja's troops have captured the Ministry of Marine, the telephone building (which is Madrid's 17-storey skyscraper) and other important buildings hitherto held by the Communists.—Reuter.

ANOTHER ULTIMATUM

Paris, To-day.

The latest ultimatum presented to the Communists by General Miaja expired at noon yesterday, the Paris "Midi" says.

According to official information from Madrid, artillery of the Defence Council has encircled the last communist block of houses, ready to open fire.

It is reported, however, that Communist battalions have left trenches around Madrid and rushed to the assistance of their friends in the capital. — Trans-Ocean.

AMERICA MAY EXTEND CREDIT TO CHILE ALSO

New York, To-day.

Now that an agreement with Brazil has been concluded, financial circles are discussing a substantial credit for Chile, according to the "Journal of Commerce."

It is pointed out that such a loan would probably eliminate the necessity for Chile to enter into a new barter agreement with Germany.

Prospects for the loan are said to be considerably enhanced by abandonment of the five-year moratorium on the Chilean foreign debt. — Reuter.

NOT ACCURATE

Washington, To-day.

Commenting on the United States agreement with Brazil, Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, said that nothing else was under consideration with any other Latin American country.—Reuter.

TURN BACKS, IGNORE VICAR

Because they did not like the way their eighty-year-old vicar conducted the service parishioners at All Saint, St. Helens, Lancashire, sat with their backs to him and chatted among themselves.

"Their attitude is an insult to God and to the Church," the vicar, the Rev. W. E. Colegrove, said afterwards.

The "scene" was the latest stage in a long battle between the vicar and his parishioners, who for years have objected to diversions from the Book of Common Prayer, which they say the vicar has introduced.

Thirteen people attended the morning service. The church was built to hold 830. There was no organ and only one hymn.

"The service did not conform with the order given by the Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. A. A. David," declared Mr. A. J. Kenwright, People's Warden and vice-chairman of the Parochial Church Council.

"Therefore we sat down in protest. The service should have followed the Book of Common Prayer. It didn't."

"On alternate Sundays when the Choral Eucharist Service is proceeding we walk out."

According to "Crockford's Clerical Directory" Mr. Colegrove's net income from his parish is £716 a year and his house.

HE WAS 'MARRIED' WHEN 6 WEEKS OLD

Fast workers is Mr. P. W. Raithby, of 4, Briarvillas, Keynos Estate, Broxbourne, Herts.

He was "married" when six weeks old. This is how it happened:—

He was christened at the parish church. Immediately afterwards a baby girl also was christened.

Four weeks later, in the parish magazine, his astonished parents read the announcement that Mr. P. W. Raithby had been married. The "bride" was the baby who had followed him at the font.

Explanation: the vicar, in error, had made the entries under the heading "marriages" instead of under "christenings."

JAPANESE CANARD

Paris, To-day.

The Chinese Embassy has issued an official denial of a report broadcast by the Japanese authorities in Tokyo and the United States to the effect that Dr. Wellington Koo, Ambassador in Paris, had sent a message to Mr. Wang Ching-wei approving his peace move.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIR EPIC—BY U.S.

A story of the Royal Flying Corps in 1915, when half-trained youngsters were sent up to fight an enemy superior in numbers, machines and skill, has been turned into the greatest British film yet made—in Hollywood.

There are ten reels of film with not a woman in one yet "Dawn Patrol" is a picture which, because of its dual theme of noble self-sacrifice and the futility of war, should appeal to every woman.

Edmund Goulding, the Londoner who directed it, has done marvelously in maintaining so realistic and convincing an atmosphere of those early flying days in France.

It is so British in appeal that few will realise that it was made in California by an American firm.

The flying sequences have never been equalled.

One scene showing a lone pilot bombing an enemy ammunition base, blowing vast buildings sky-high, is

NEW ITALIAN CHAMBER HAS 700 MEMBERS

Rome, To-day.

The new Italian Chamber, officially styled "The Chamber of Fasci and Corporations" which on March 23 will meet for the first time, was last night announced to have about 700 members including all Italian Ministers, State Secretaries, the Presidents of nine "Professional Unions," the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of 22 corporations as well as all members of the Fascist Grand Council.

The members of the New Chamber are not called Deputies, but "National Councillors" and are not selected, but become members automatically by virtue of their positions in the Fascist Party or Italian public life.

The dissolved Italian Chamber had 400 members.—Trans-Ocean.

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MIRROR OF OPINIONS

Britain is strong, in armaments and in spirit. If only the people—every employer and every head of a family—will go ahead resolutely with his plans for the future and fit himself for the job of strengthening the Empire—then there is nothing to fear.

Our Air Force is the best in the world and the number of planes is above the "estimates generally given."

Our Navy, the strongest in the world, could keep the seas open even against submarine or air attack.—Sir Samuel Hoare.

Some of the unemployed have begun fishing for eels in the waterlogged trenches of the last war crisis. They have caught the eels they had themselves planted in the trenches.

We dislike making fun of eels, which cannot help being what they are—long, damp and slithery. But we have to admit that the trenches are fair game for sarcastic merriment.

And also that it may not be unpatriotic or besmirching to ridicule what may be called the "dope" aspects of A.R.P.

By that is meant devices designed to calm or to anaesthetise public opinion by making it suppose that umbrellas are fortresses and that an emergency or short-term policy of protection can excuse the neglect of much larger measures that must come if we are to be reasonably secure.

Finbury leads the way — on paper. Eels in trenches writhe in coils, but lead nowhere.—"Daily Mirror."

Now another installment of the tragicomic serial entitled "Britain's Protection" or, maybe, "What Did They Do for the Wife and Kiddies?"

Following stirrings on the cement and concrete front, reported two weeks ago, steel men in Britain are secretly but deeply jubilant over what they consider their best bit of lobby work since the naval armament race of 1908. They claim that by persuading the government to abandon temporarily, at least—the idea of

deep, genuinely bomb-proof shelters they have done both a fine piece of business for themselves and diddled the cement people out of what would have been a far larger proportion of air raid protection profits if the "deep shelter" scheme had gone through. For they say that by concentrating on "blast-proof" shelters and getting a particular type adopted they have virtually jockeyed the entire country into buying sheet steel of exactly the type which steel men have within past years found most difficult to sell. Furthermore, in the total government expenditure on this scheme, the proportion spent on steel as opposed to concrete is enormously greater than it would be in the case of deep shelters.—"Ken".

There is encouragement for troubled Europe in President Roosevelt's Message to Congress. Though it seems to exclude the idea of America's warlike intervention in the quarrels of Europe, it does recognize it as a duty that America owes to herself and to the world that she should throw her whole weight against the philosophy of force in international politics and on behalf of ordered progress through peace and negotiation.

There are issues in European affairs on which a strict neutrality is the only policy that is fair to our own people. There are other issues on which we may feel strongly but recognize that war can make no contribution to a solution and that other ways must be sought for rendering help. But there are deeper issues on which we must be prepared to fight if necessary and win.—"London Sunday Times."

We cannot expect Fascists to miss any chance of exposing acts of injustice committed under democratic governments. "Tu quoque" is a tempting if not always a convincing retort. To propagandists the disturbed condition of Palestine has seemed a very promising field for tales of atrocities. But are the British police and troops engaged in suppressing the rebellion really guilty of atrocities?

The British War Office recently issued a statement explaining the methods which have been adopted in dealing with the rebels. There is no organized Arab army which can be brought to battle in the field, but only scattered bands, whose members conceal themselves by mingling indistinguishably with ordinary citizens, assembling from time to time, to commit terrorists acts upon Jews, Britons, or non-cooperating Arabs.

The administration has adopted the method of inflicting penalties on villages which have harbored and concealed terrorists, and has made house-to-house visitations for discovering the culprits. Admittedly these methods have imposed hardships on the villagers. But it is maintained that the troops and police employed have been strictly under discipline.

Evidence of discipline and of an attitude very foreign to atrocities is contained in the verdict recently given by a court which sentenced two constables to imprisonment for shooting an Arab prisoner who was attempting to escape during disturbances at Jaffa. In England the most serious charge brought against the British administration in Palestine has been, not that it has been too severe, but that it has been too lenient, and easy going.—"Christian Science Monitor."

Architects Plan New Britain

Healthy Towns, Green Belts, And Traffic Safety

Beating Nazi Road 'Ballyhoo'

Plans for a new Britain with healthy towns, green belts and open spaces, and free, safe movement of traffic, will be shown at a Road Architecture Exhibition which the Royal Institute of British Architects is organising as its major exhibition for 1939.

It will be opened by Mr. Herbert Morrison, M.P., creator of London's Green Belt.

The exhibition forms part of the R.I.B.A.'s drive to secure a national survey of the whole country in place of existing town planning which is considered to be far too limited in its scope to be effective.

The R.I.B.A. has approved the report of the Town Planning Institute urging the creation of a National Planning Commission which would control and co-ordinate the development of every town and rural area in a nation-wide scheme to give the whole population better homes, better placed factories, open spaces and green belt areas within easy reach.

MODEL TOWN

Included in the exhibition will be complete plans prepared by young architects of the National School of Planning for a modern town of 50,000 inhabitants.

They have taken an actual site in Berkshire, and, starting with an investigation of its geology, have planned everything, even to the plumbing in individual houses.

To illustrate what Britain of the future might be like, the exhibition will include photographs and plans of improvements already carried out in other countries.

Special emphasis will be laid on the success of road and town planning scheme in democratic countries, such as the United States and Sweden.

In spite of the ballyhoo about Germany's wonderful roads, we believe that democratic countries can build better than totalitarian ones," an official of the R.I.B.A. said.

"Engineers and town planners in dictator countries develop their schemes with a map and a ruler. They ignore the individual.

"In our scheme for national planning we, as architects, have two principles in mind: What does the ordinary man really want? and where does traffic want to go?"

Side by side with the plans of the Bressey Report for reorganising London's main traffic routes will be shown Hitler's plan for ring roads and through roads in Berlin.

Although both are based on the same broad principle the Bressey plan for London is claimed to be a far cleverer piece of work.

The virtual killing in the House of Commons of the London County Council's Bill to impose rates on site values has emphasised, however, the huge problem of compensation which the Bressey Report involves.

It is estimated that in every scheme the report proposes, at least three-quarters of the cost would represent compensation to landowners.

In its campaign against the growing waste and muddle of haphazard building, destruction of amenities and the spoiling of the countryside,

the R.I.B.A. believes that an entirely new national policy is the necessary first step.

Properly planned roads will create a framework for orderly development of residential and industrial areas, it states.

The British Road Federation, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and other bodies are collaborating in the exhibition.

A new documentary film, "Roads Across Britain," will be shown for the first time at the exhibition, and later will be released to public cinemas throughout the country.

SEX APPEAL-- VOICE SECRET

Hollywood glamour experts have decided that sex appeal depends more on a beautiful voice than on lovely looks.

Dramatic coach Oliver Hinsley, of Paramount, says:—

"Low-pitched voices are the best for that warmth and resonance which stirs the opposite sex."

"High-pitched voices shatter a person's romantic qualities and prevent the development of a compelling personality."

Hollywood's voice sex appeal champions are, in Hinsley's opinion, Herbert Marshall and Claudette Colbert.

U.S. OBSERVATION PLANE PLEASES AUTHORITIES

Washington, March 5.

Navy Department official expressed considerable satisfaction at the tests made by a new type of observation plane which will be used by warships.

Although the plane's performance is being kept secret, it is stated that this type of craft will replace, eventually, the observation planes at present in use. — Havas.

KING OF ALBANIA HITS HARD AT FASCISTS

London, March 4.

Moving first in the face of a threat of direct Italian action in Albania, King Zog mobilized his army on February 15 and struck a crushing blow on Albanian pro-Fascist rebels, according to reliable reports from Tirana arriving here to-day.

On February 19, Albanian troops started active operations against the rebels in the province of Mirdi and arrested Commander Gire, the leader of the Albanian Fascist Youth Organization. Several other arrests were also effected.

The only reaction from Rome was a note of protest and a demand that all arrested Fascist sympathizers be released. Complete agreement was reached on February 23 when all the rebels were set free. Commander Gire left for Italy, and new credits were extended by Italy to the energetic ruler of Albania, it was further reported. — Havas.

18,400,000 VOLUNTEERS

London, March 5.

Speaking at a dinner by journalists in Glasgow last night, Sir John Anderson, Civil Defence Minister, lauded the progress accomplished in the execution of the national service plan.

He revealed, notably, that up till February 18,400,000 volunteers had offered themselves for service in the various branches of national defence. However, he added, certain branches such as auxiliary fire-brigades and relief workers lacked volunteers. — Havas.

as so often happens in this world, their acts will bring rather serious consequences to other people. It is sad to have young people grow up at present so thoughtless and unmindful of others that, in a spirit of bravado, they will do a thing which good manners alone should prevent them from undertaking."

Beatrice and Joe were not punished for their escapade. On the contrary, news of it spread so rapidly that, within an hour, newspaper men and photographers were busy putting their picture and their story on many a front page. — Reuter.

High School Children Break Into White House On A "Dare"

Lectured "Like Dutch Uncle" By Mrs. Roosevelt

Washington, March 4.

The White House, where the King and Queen will stay this June, is more closely guarded than it appears to be, but the secret service men and uniformed police did not succeed in preventing two local high school children from "gate-crashing" and getting into a drawing-room where the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were entertaining a party with a cinema show of Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion."

"ON A DARE"

Beatrice White and Joe Measell, both 16, told police they "entered the White House "on a dare" from some friends who had bet them they would never get past the guards.

The two children walked up to the main entrance and told the guards there that they wished to see the President. It so happened that the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, had just sent word down that he was expecting two young people to join the party which the President was giving upstairs. Beatrice and Joe were mistaken for these guests and allowed to go upstairs. There they found—the room in darkness and the Presidential party watching the cinema show.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN SHOT

When the lights came on, the intruders walked up to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and asked for their autographs. These were given to each child but not before Mrs. Roosevelt, as Joe said later,

"lectured us like a Dutch uncle for intruding. She said we should know it wasn't right to walk into other people's houses like that and that we might have got shot by the secret service men."

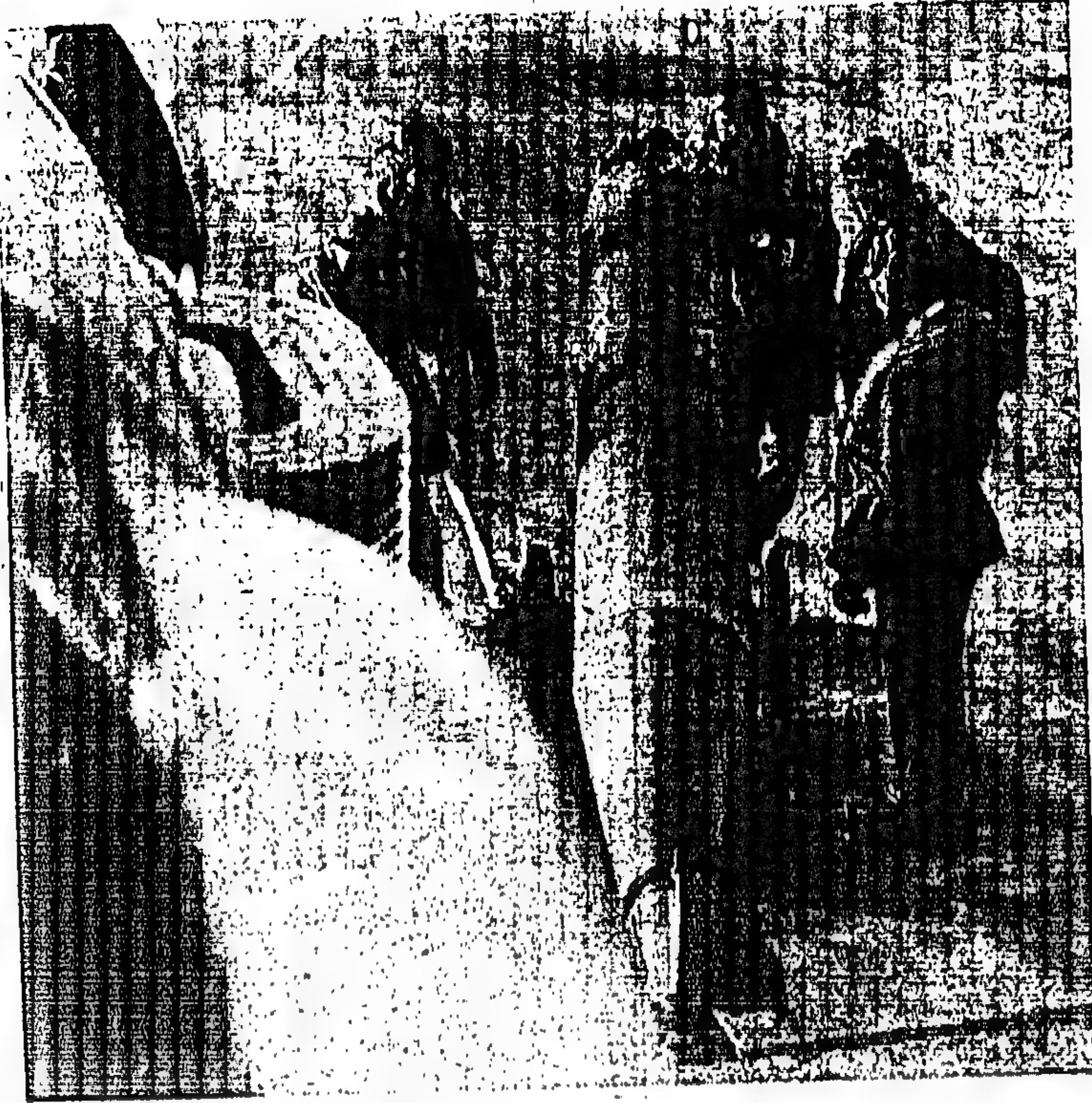
Next day, writing in her daily column which appears in papers all over the country, Mrs. Roosevelt hinted that the children's prank might bring serious consequences for the Presidential guards who had unwittingly let them enter.

ON THE FRONT PAGE

"The consequences of their rude and unmannerly behaviour were not so serious as they might have been," wrote Mrs. Roosevelt, "but,

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EWO
BEER



This picture was taken at the R.A.F. Torpedo Bombing Training School at Gosport, Hants. It shows a view from the cockpit of a torpedo bomber with a torpedo ready to be loaded into the rack and other pilots ready to take off for bombing practice. (Passed by Air Ministry).



Wheeling up one of the huge torpedoes ready to fix in the rack before a bomber takes off for practice over Stokes Bay, Hants, where R.A.F. training is carried out. (Passed by Air Ministry).

52nd ANNUAL REPORT

Summary

	1937	1938
NEW INSURANCE	£ 12,361,614	£ 11,837,823
(Including Deferred Annuities)		
INSURANCE IN FORCE	114,356,560	117,721,733
(Including Deferred Annuities)		
ASSETS	31,836,767	34,391,383
INCOME	6,607,286	7,132,138
POLICY AND ANNUITY RESERVES	26,994,164	29,019,043
CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND SURPLUS	1,200,602	1,372,975

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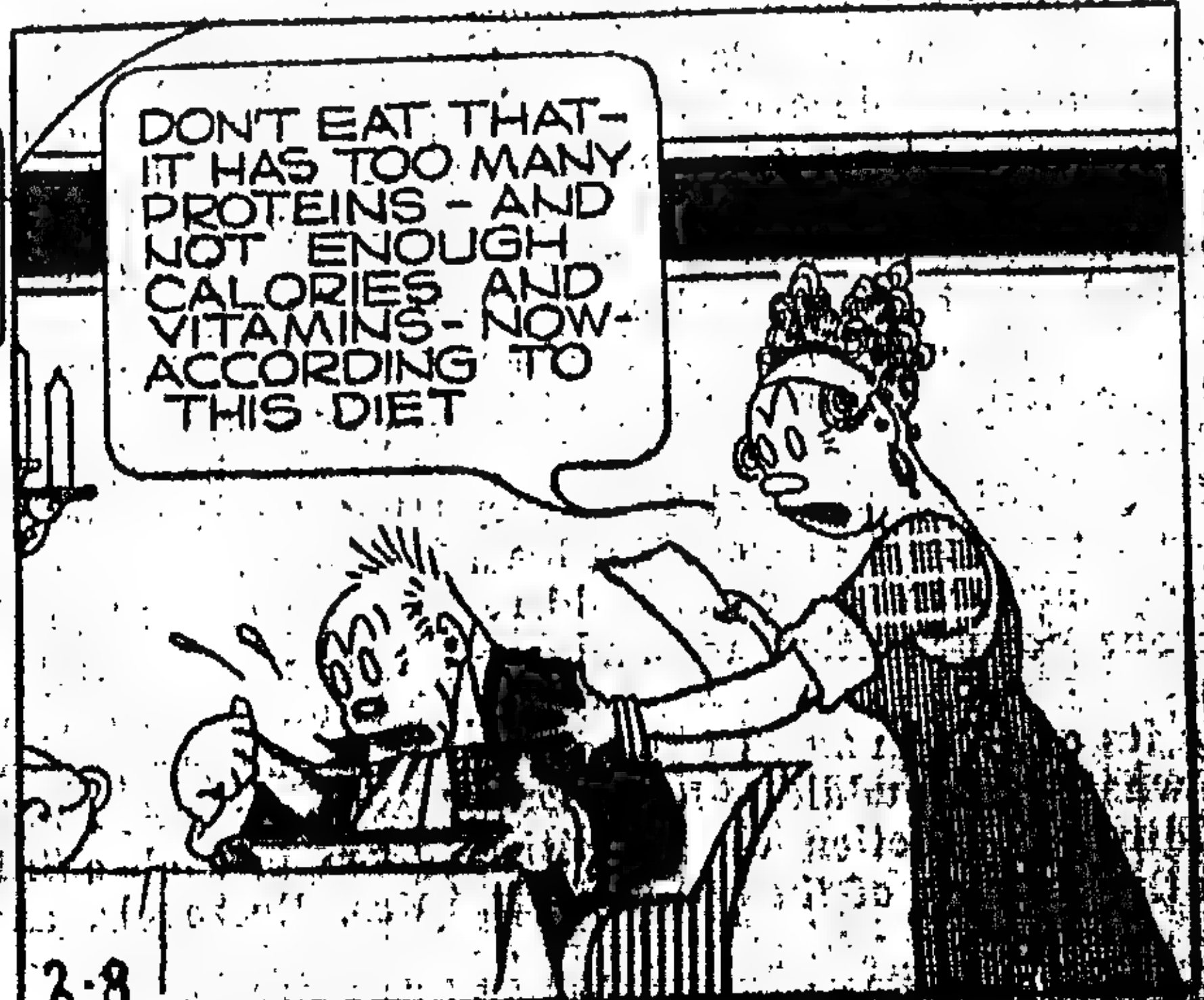
A Spanish refugee mother feeds her baby in the safety of Le Perthus, just over the border in France. Terrible conditions are reported to exist among the thousands of refugees in France. The French Red Cross, despite gallant work, is unable to cope with the flood, and British Government assistance is shortly to be granted.

Mr. M. gondola for engine drive out."

World economy

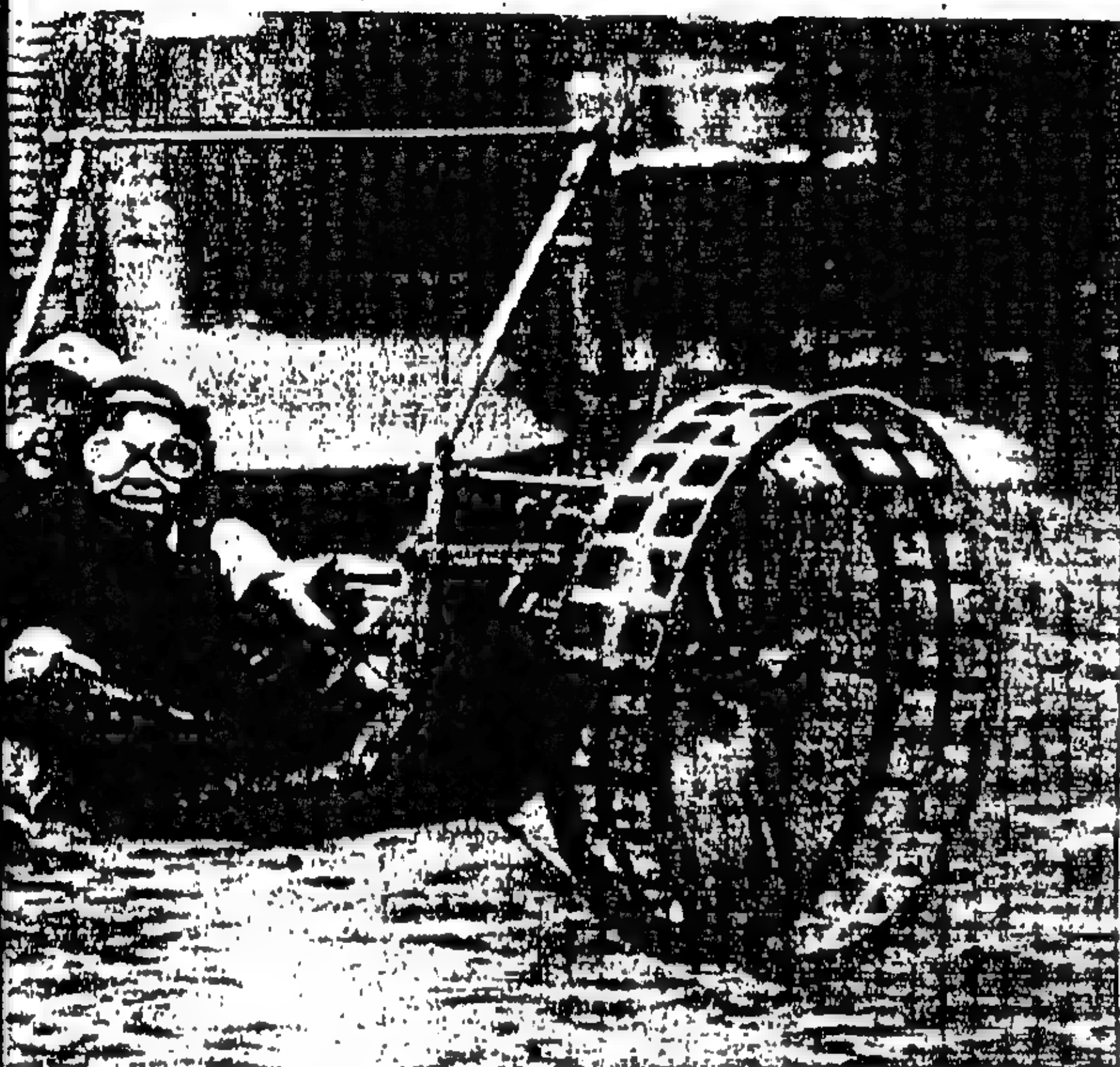
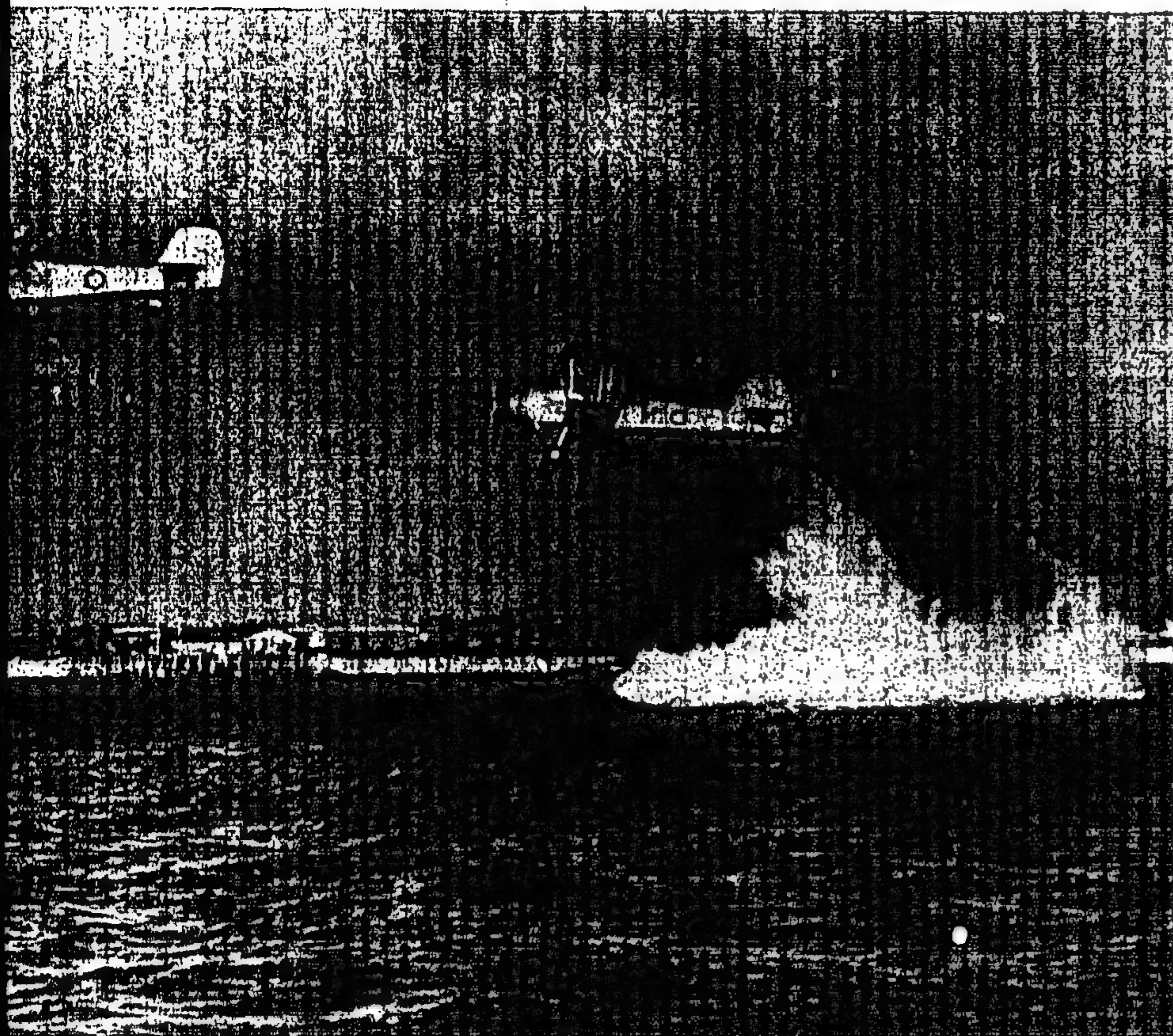
The Vauxhall 40 m.p.g. On trial, over 1,000 the 10 h.p. Sa. And it has Hydraulic Br chromesh and features.

Bringing Up Father



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Torpedo bombing calls for considerable skill on the part of both pilot and observer. Dummy torpedoes are used by the R.A.F. but a touch of realism is added when the missiles hit the water and send up a mighty splash something like an explosion. Here are two R.A.F. bombers over Stokes Bay. One of them has just dropped its torpedo. (Passed by Air Ministry).

Elliott, who lives at Beccles, Suffolk, has made a flying children in the garden of their house. A small one H.P. the 23" wooden airscrew. Here are the children "going all

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CANTON	16,000	1st Apr.	Marseilles & London.
ALIPORE	6,000	10th Apr.	Straits, Bombay, & Karachi.
CORFU	14,500	15th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
SOMALI	7,000	21st Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CHITRAL	15,500	29th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	13th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BANGALORE	6,000	20th May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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NELLORE	7,000	5th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
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SUNDAY		
Sandakan	Mausang	Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.
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Amoy	Chungking	Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Mingsang	Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
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	Reg.	Mar. 13, 5 p.m.
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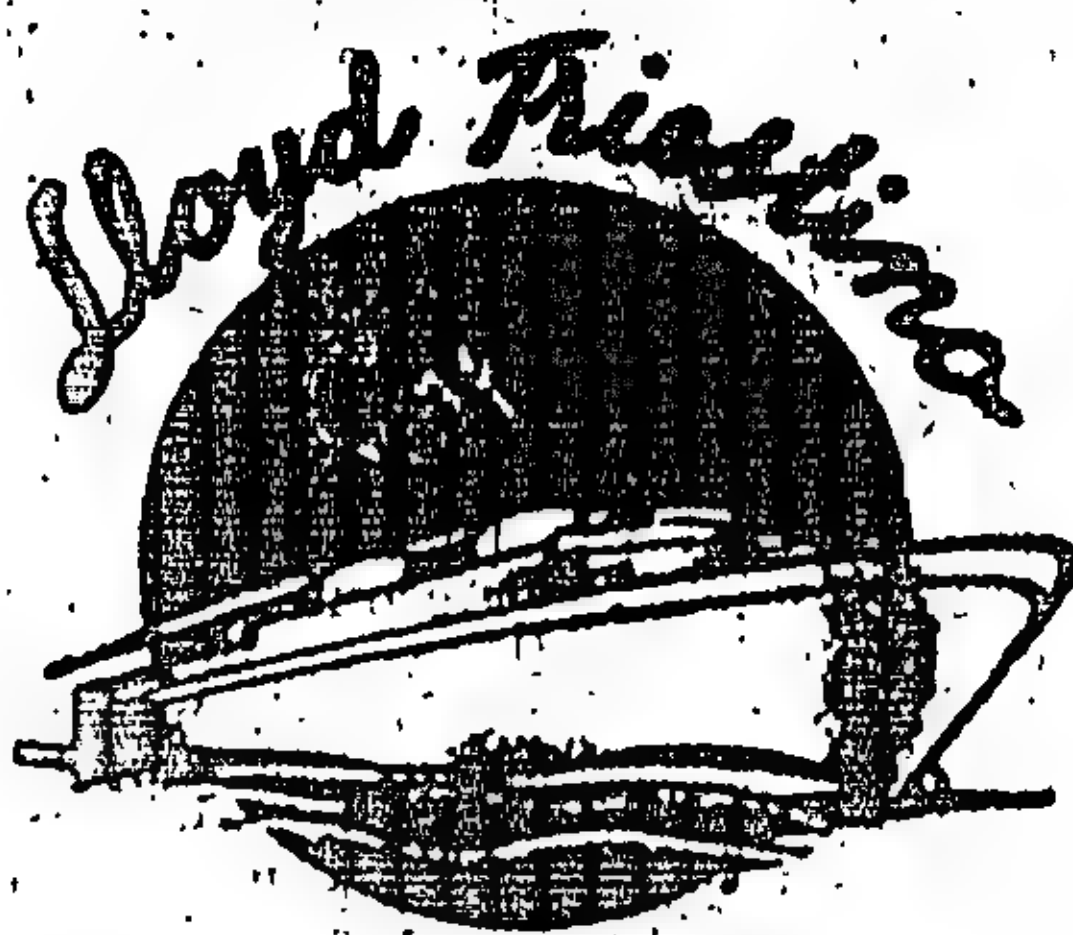
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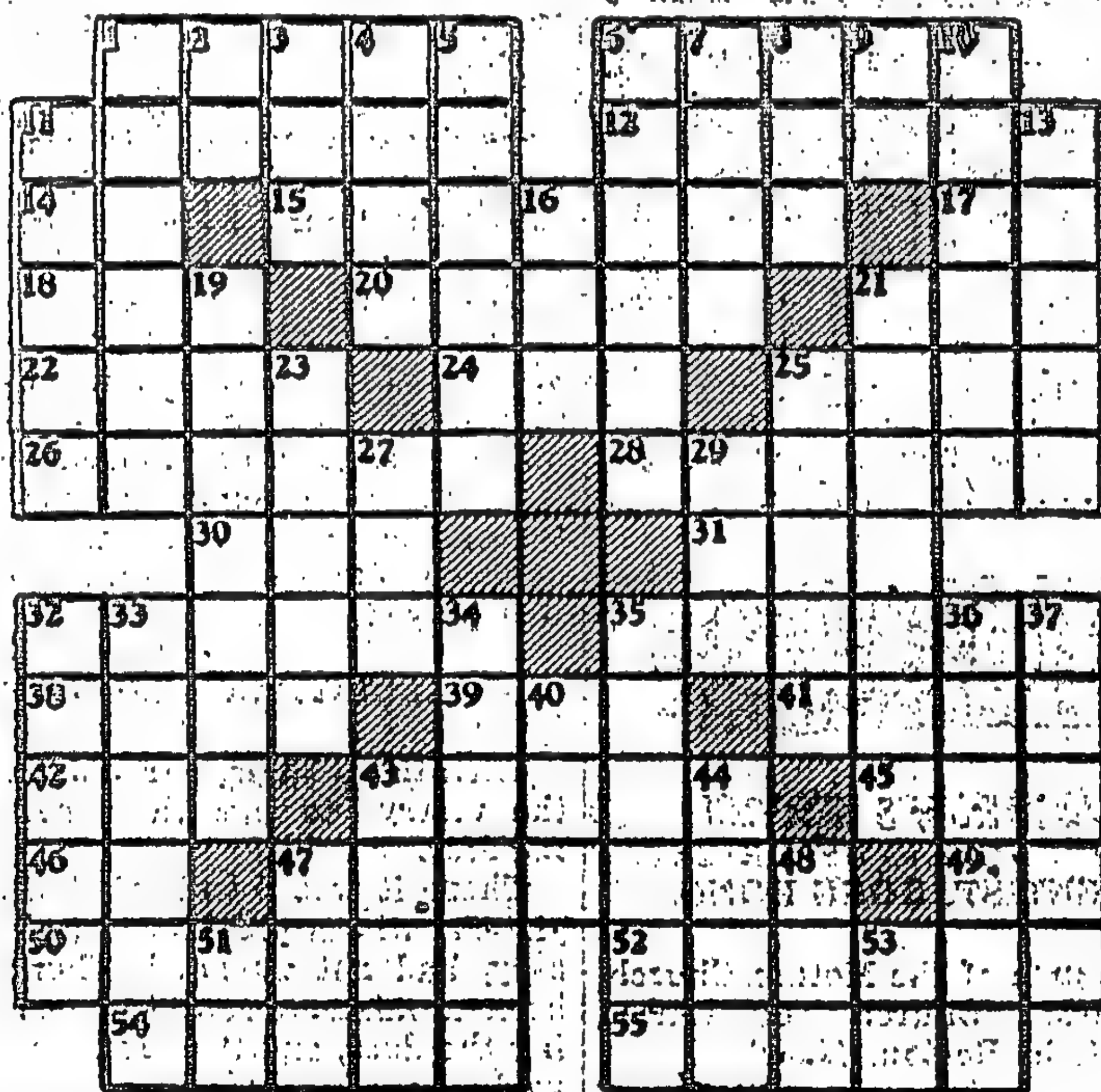
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- 6 Man's name
- 11 Venom
- 12 Architecture base
- 14 Neck
- 15 Unfriendly
- 17 Sun god
- 18 Pile
- 20 Lies hidden
- 21 Wooden pin
- 22 Members of Indonesian tribe
- 24 To stare at
- 25 To dwell
- 26 Fine fabrics
- 28 Glistens
- 30 Greek letter
- 31 Literary scraps
- 32 To revoke
- 35 Grows larger
- 38 Grown
- 39 Negative
- 41 Beach
- 42 Letter R (pl.)
- 43 Worked at steadily

VERTICAL

- 46 Roman gods
- 47 Workers
- 49 Prefix off
- 50 Moves
- 51 Partly
- 52 Chimed

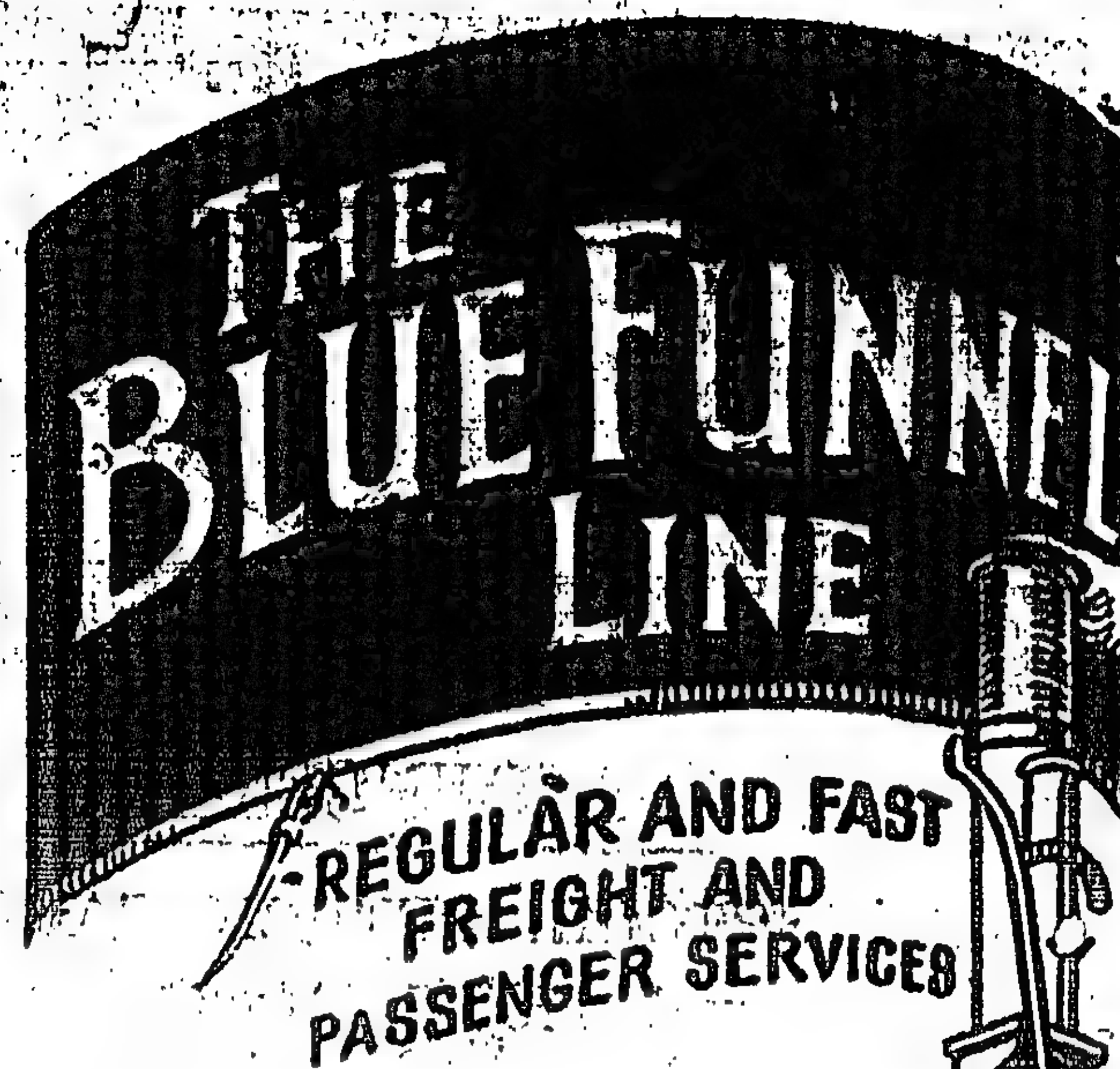
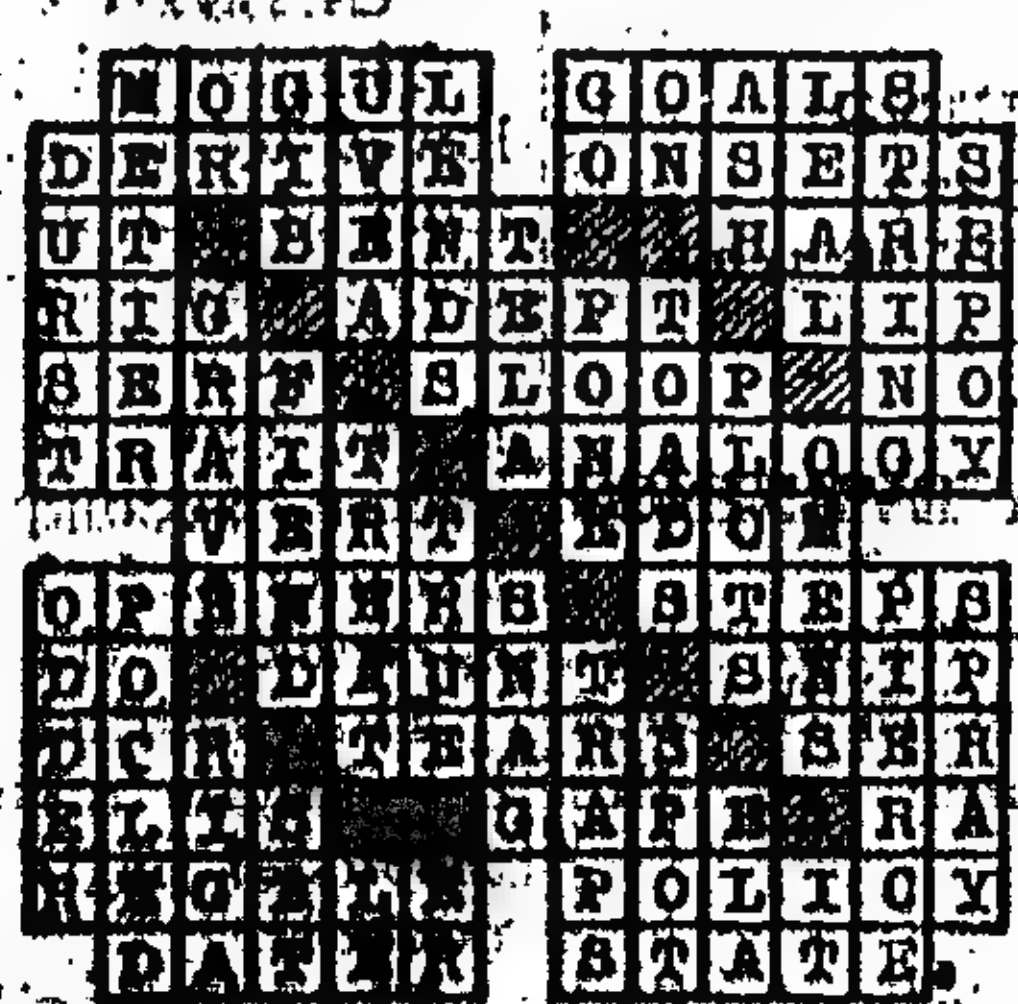
TO SALUTE

- 53 Stitched
- 1 Musical piece
- 2 Greek letter
- 3 Tree

IMPLEMENT

- 5 Follows
- 6 Nails
- 7 Evils
- 8 Position
- 9 One
- 10 Endeavour
- 11 Pineapples
- 13 Underworld
- 16 Effort
- 19 Exclusive rights
- 21 Termination (pl.)
- 23 Locations
- 25 Boundaries
- 27 To scold
- 29 Go left
- 32 Translates
- 34 Sail line
- 36 To enroll
- 38 Saturates
- 39 Extorted
- 41 Horse
- 40 Grease
- 43 To prod
- 44 To suffer
- 47 Scottish: to
- 48 Adage
- 51 Tentative
- 53 French article

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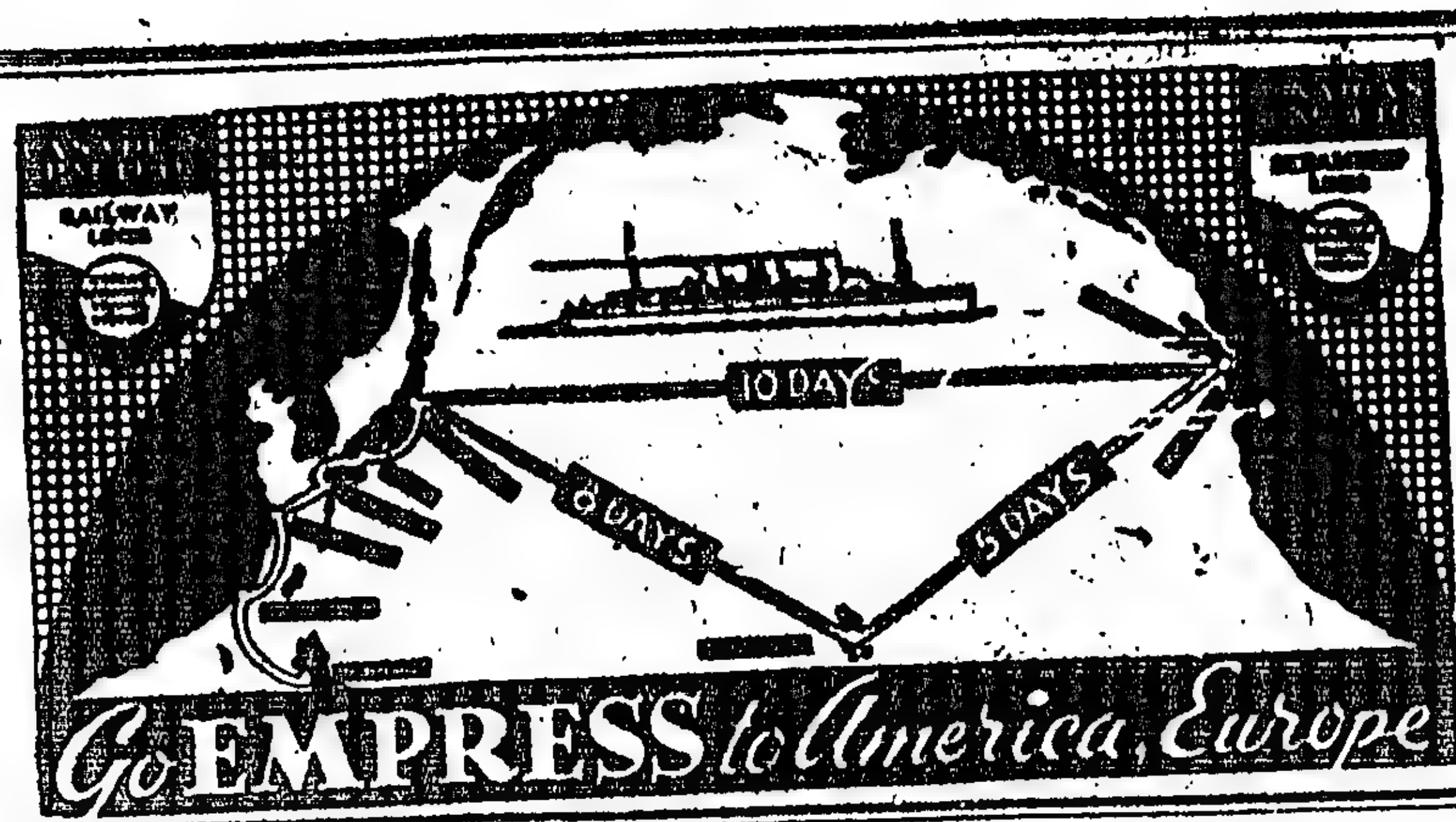
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The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, tomorrow 12th March will be "Substance".

The Golden Text will be:—"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase". (Proverbs 3: 9).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. While we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh; yea, though we have known Christ, after the flesh; yet now henceforth know we him, no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, all things are become new." (11 Corinthians 4: 15, 18; 5: 1, 16, 17).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"When being is understood, Life will be recognised as neither material nor finite, but as infinite,—as God, universal good; and the belief that life, or mind, was ever in a finite form, or good in evil, will be destroyed. Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal. The offspring of God start not from matter or ephemeral dust. They are in and of Spirit, divine Mind, and so forever continue. Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life: nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance". (Pages 76, 267, 259).

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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1939.

WED TWICE IN AN HOUR

Married twice within an hour. That was the experience of Miss Alice Handley of St. Ann's Well-road, Nottingham. On each occasion it all had to be done a second time the wedding ring was placed on her finger and she made the proper responses time because of a legal flaw.

Miss Handley, who formerly worked for a local textile firm, was married in Nottingham City Temple of the Four Square Gospel Mission.

The minister, the Rev. W. M. Barton, married Miss Handley and Mr. Leonard Stowage, a Melton Mowbray Co-operative employee, while a large crowd looked on.

Hymns were sung, prayers offered, the benediction was pronounced and the wedding march was played.

REGISTRAR ABSENT

Then the wedding party went into the vestry to sign the marriage register.

There it was found that the registrar, whose presence was necessary, had not attended. There had been a misunderstanding concerning the date, and the ceremony was void.

The bride bore the shock calmly and stood in the vestry while a conference was held.

An urgent message was sent to the registrar, and after a while it was decided to adjourn to a restaurant nearby where the reception was to be held.

GUESTS DID NOT KNOW

The bridal party drove off, followed by a number of other guests, most of whom thought that the marriage was over and in order.

Within an hour the registrar arrived, and the bride and bridegroom, accompanied only by their parents and the bridesmaid, motor-ed back to the church.

The wedding ring was placed on her finger a second time and the essential parts of the ceremony repeated.

Then they all returned to the reception, where they were congratulated a second time.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 10th March, 1939.

ALLIANCE

The following extract from Army Orders for January, 1939, is published for information:—

"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the Pay Section of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps being allied to the Royal Army Pay Corps, Hong Kong."

QUALIFICATION—W. T. BADGE

The following having qualified as a Marksman is entitled to wear the Single Rifle Badge:—

No. 3 M.G. Company—Pte. N. Jaffer.

PARADES

1st Battery

Right Section—Tuesday, 14th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range.

Left Section—Thursday, 16th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture Room. Lecture by Major J. M. Smith on training carried out in camp.

2nd Battery

Wednesday, 15th March. H.M.S. Tamar. 5.30 p.m. Gun drill—Battery control. Dress—overalls and S.D. caps.

Engineer Company

D.E.L. Section—Monday, 13th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction.

Thursday, 16th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range.

Sunday, 26th March. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Rifle Table B. All who have not qualified as 2nd class shots should attend.

Lyon Light Section—Sunday 12th March. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. for Peak Range. Musketry. Dress optional but musketry order must be worn.

Monday, 13th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.L. revision.

Thursday, 16th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Squad and Arms drill.

Corps Signals

Tuesday, 14th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Signal training.

Machine Gun Troop

Tuesday, 14th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. instruction.

Armoured Car Section

Tuesday, 14th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes. Indication and recognition of targets.

Friday, 17th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes. Recapitulation L.G.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Friday, 17th March. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Trained men, M.G. instruction—instruments. Recruits. M.G. instruction—stripping and assembling.

No. 1 M.G. Company

Friday, 17th March. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road Range. I.A. with ball (Inter-section competition).

No. 2 M.G. Company

Thursday, 16th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. instruction.

No. 3 M.G. Company

Monday, 13th March. H.Q. (i) Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons. 5.30 p.m. Revolver drill. (ii) No. 11 Platoon. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road Range. I.A. (iii) No. 12 Platoon. 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range.

No. 4 M.G. Company

Sunday, 12th March. Stonecutters. Rifle Table A. No. 14 Platoon. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.45 a.m. Dress optional but musketry order must be worn. Range Officer—2nd Lt. C. Austin.

Wednesday, 15th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 14 Platoon. Lecture on M.G. definitions. No. 15 Platoon. Musketry. Those detailed for Kennedy Road parade at 5.15 p.m. Remainder at 5.30 p.m. for Miniature Range.

Friday, 17th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 13 Platoon only. Lecture on map reading.

Sunday, 19th March. Peak Range. 9.30 a.m. No. 13 Platoon.

Portuguese Companies

Tuesday, 14th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 5 M.G. Company. I.A. revision. A.A. Company. L.G. competition.

Sunday, 19th March. Stonecutters. (i) No. 5 M.G. Company. M.G. Part II. (ii) A.A. Company. N.C.O.'s and men who have not fired L.G. will fire Table "C". This is the last opportunity to qualify for efficiency.

Machine Gun Signals

Monday, 13th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Line and Operating Section. Revolver drill. Webbing belts will be worn.

Friday, 17th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. D/R. Section. Running repairs and maintenance. Riding practice during week according to detail.

Air Arm

Monday, 13th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture—Maps and charts.

Medical Section

Wednesday, 15th March. H.Q. N.C.O.'s. 5.30 p.m. Remainder. 0.00 p.m.

Pay Section

Friday, 17th March. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. R.O.D.C.—Construction Section

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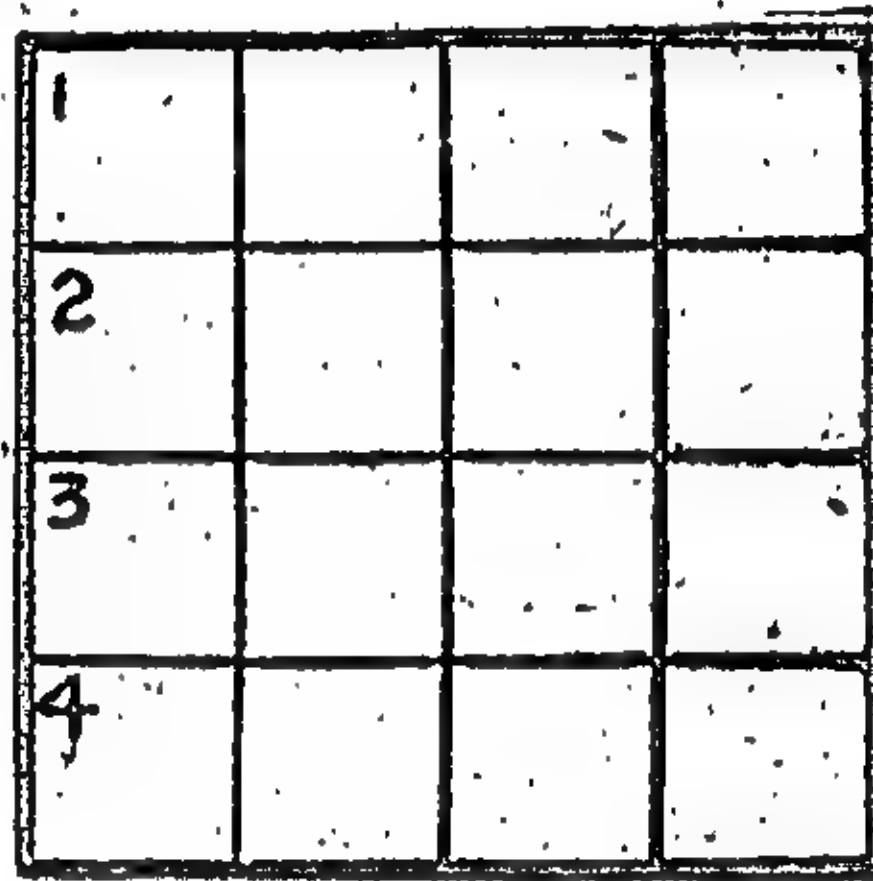
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BLARNEY STONE RUGBY 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Final Stages To-day
At Valley

The final stages of the Blarney Stone Rugby Seven-a-Side Tournament will be held this afternoon on the Club ground, commencing at 3 p.m. when several interesting clashes should be witnessed. His Excellency the Governor has promised to attend and will later present the Blarney Stone to the winning team.

P. and O. Bldg. and Another, Small Ships "A", Royal Engineers and Police "A" are favoured to reach the semi-final round.

By kind permission, the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. "Birmingham" will play before the games and during the intervals.

Seven-a-side Rugby is a fast and open game with a minimum of scrumming, and for this reason, as a spectacle, it is probably better than the usual game where two full teams of 15 men are on the field. Seven minutes each way are played, with half-time of one minute, except in the final, when ten minutes each way are played with a two minute interval. If scores of teams are level at "no side", they immediately change ends and continue play until one or the other scores, when the match ceases with the scoring side the winners.

Part proceeds of this Tournament are devoted to Service and Civilian Charities and it is hoped that there will be a large gathering of spectators to give their support. Admission to the centre of the Covered Stand will be \$1.00 and to other parts of the ground .50 cts., with Service men in uniform admitted at half price.

Teams competing in the quarter finals are as follows:—

- 3.00 p.m.—P. & O. Building and Another v. Hong Kong Bank.
- 3.20 p.m.—5th A.A. Regt. "A" v. Small Ships "A".
- 3.40 p.m.—Royal Army Ordnance Corps v. Royal Engineers.
- 4.00 p.m.—Middlesex Regt. "A" v. Hong Kong Police "A".

Edrich Hits First Test Century

ENGLAND 253 FOR 1 AGAINST
SOUTH AFRICANS!

Durban, To-day.

Set the momentous task of scoring 696 runs for victory, England made a grand start to their second innings against South Africa here yesterday, and at close of play had lost only one wicket for 253 runs, Edrich, the young Middlesex professional, scoring his first century in Test cricket.

Edrich found his true form, which had deserted him for most of the tour, in the match against Natal on February 27 when he scored a magnificent 150, driving with great power and making many brilliant hits to leg.

Hutton, who opened with P. A. Gibb was dismissed after scoring 55, when he was beaten in playing back to an off-break from Mitchell. He had batted for 96 minutes.

Edrich joined Gibb and opened confidently, while the latter played a defensive game. The total was carried to 88 for 1 at lunch time, Gibb (22) and Edrich (10). They eventually took the score to 197 at tea, Gibb being credited with 53 and Edrich 77. The 100 was reached in 122 minutes' play.

EDRICH ENTERPRISING

Edrich was enterprising, although he had difficult periods, and gradually increased his confidence with grand straight driving. He reached his 50, including eight boundaries, in 99 minutes.

Gibb played a restrained game, his 50 being made in 222 minutes but Edrich was in a punishing mood as the interval approached, having then hit 11 fours.

A slight drizzle caused the sawdust to be brought out and Gibb was bothered with moisture on his glasses. The drizzle, however, was likely to improve the wicket.

HIS FIRST TEST 100

There were 4,000 people present after tea when the sun appeared after a short shower which did not interfere with play.

Both batsmen were very cautious, but Edrich was featured occasionally with hard driving and reached

SOUTH AFRICA—1st Innings 530

SOUTH AFRICA—2ND INNINGS

P. Van Der Byl, c Paynter, b Wright	97
B. Mitchell, b Verity	89
E. Rowan, c Edrich, b Verity	0
A. D. Nourse, c Hutton, b Farnes	25
K. G. Viljoen, b Perks	74
A. Melville, b Farnes	103
E. L. Dalton, c and b Wright	21
R. E. Grieverson, b Farnes	39
A. B. C. Langton, c Hammond, b Farnes	6
E. S. Newson, b Wright	3
N. G. Gordon, not out	7
Extras	17
Total	481

Fall of wickets:—1 for 191 (Mitchell); 2 for 191 (Rowan); 3 for 191 (Van der Byl); 4 for 242 (Nourse); 5 for 346 (Viljoen); 6 for 382 (Dalton); 7 for 434 (Melville); 8 for 450 (Langton); 9 for 462 (Newson); 10 for 481 (Grieverson).

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	R.	M.	W.
Farnes	22.1	2	74	4
Perks	32	6	99	1
Wright	32	7	146	3
Verity	40	9	87	2
Edrich	6	1	18	0
Hammond	9	1	30	0
Hutton	1	0	10	0

ENGLAND — 1st Innings 316

ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS:

Hutton, b Mitchell	55
P. A. Gibb, not out	78
Edrich, not out	107
Extras	13
Total (for 1 wicket)	253

Fall of wickets:—1 for 197 (Hutton).

his first Test century in 193 minutes, having hit 12 boundaries in the course of the knock. Play was ultimately adjourned with the score at 253 for 1, Edrich and P. A. Gibb being undefeated for 107 and 78 respectively.

H. K. UNIVERSITY SPORTS THIS AFTERNOON

Weather permitting, Hong Kong University Athletic Union will hold their annual athletic meeting to-day on the sports ground at Pokfulam, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

H. S. ROUSE FOR FASTNET YACHT RACE

Mr. H. S. Rouse, former Commodore of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, left for Home recently taking with him the Golden Dragon, a yacht he had specially built in Hong Kong for the Fastnet Race in which Mr. Rouse hopes to compete.

FINAL CAER CLARK CUP MATCH TO-DAY

"Y" Meet St.
Andrew's

THREE JUNIOR FIXTURES

As "Y" Ladies are four points ahead and meet St. Andrew's Ladies this afternoon in the last match of the Caer Clark Cup Competition, the result will have no bearing on the senior championship, which has been retained by "Y" Ladies for the third consecutive time.

"Y" Ladies are making two changes from their original line-up and in the absence of Miss Marie Smith from the inside-left berth, Miss N. Eardley has been promoted from the junior eleven to fill the vacancy. Miss R. Dsirne comes in at left-half in place of Mrs. Williams, who is unable to play this afternoon through pressure of business.

Saints will be represented by their full team, Miss Phyllis Gittins staging a comeback at centre-forward following her recent hand injury, sustained during a softball clash.

Three Brawn Cup encounters are down for decision to-day the most important being the Recreio "A" —D.G.S. clash on the latter's ground. Recreio Ladies, by virtue of their win over Hong Kong Ladies last Sunday morning, are firm favourites for the junior League title, but must be at their best this afternoon against the Schoolgirls who have had a run of successes recently.

(Postponed, ground unfit for play)

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

To-day's Ladies' hockey programme is as follows:

CAER CLARK CUP

"Y" Ladies v. St. Andrew's Ladies ("Y", 2.45 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

C.B.A. Ladies v. Seaforth L. (Shamshulpo, 3 p.m.)
Recreio "B" v. H.K. Ladies (Happy Valley, 3 p.m.)
Recreio "A" v. D.G. School (D.G.S., 3 p.m.)

TUESDAY'S PROGRAMME

C.B. School v. Seaforth L. (Shamshulpo, 4.30 p.m.)
C.B.A. v. D.G. School (D.G. School, 5.15 p.m.)

FORMER DERBY WINNER GOES LAME

(By "RAPIER")

The Derby Winner of the 1937 Annual Race Meeting has gone lame. Happy Eve, the pony in question, belonging to the Sassoon Stable was taken out for its exercise this morning under the control of a Chinese riding boy, and after completing its work it was discovered that the pony was lame.

The riding boy dismounted near the six furlong post, and the pony was led back to the stable.

Happy Eve did not take part in this year's annual race meeting, and the news that it has gone lame will be received with regret.

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Mr. S. Gray Elected Life Member

K.B.G.C. Hold Annual Meeting

The immediate removal of a notice referring to the sale of drinks to members after 1 a.m., was urged by Mr. F. H. Wilkinson at the annual general meeting of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, held in the Club premises, last night.

Mr. E. V. Searle, President of the Club, was in the chair, supported by Mr. J. McKelvie (Vice-President), Mr. J. G. Meyer (Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. E. F. Thompson (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. J. E. Henson.

After the president had touched upon various Club items during the past season, the names of Messrs. T. Armstrong, G. N. Mitchell and T. E. Robson were proposed for the post of President. After vote by ballot, Mr. T. E. Robson was elected.



Officers elected for the year were:

Mr. T. E. Robson, President; Mr. K. C. Hamilton, Vice-President; Mr. S. M. White, Hon. Secretary; Mr. G. E. F. Thompson, Hon. Treasurer; Messrs. J. G. Meyer, J. C. Gill, W. A. Walker, R. P. Phillips, D. Turpin, J. C. Brown and J. E. Henson (General Committee); Ballotting Committee.—Messrs. A. E. E. Jeffries, H. H. Rose, R. Duncan, D. W. Waterton, H. Nish and J. S. Logan.

Prizes for the forthcoming season were promised by Messrs. E. V. Searle, H. Nish, A. E. E. Jeffries, L. G. Coombes, S. Randle, T. Coleman, L. Guy, J. McKelvie, G. E. F. Thompson, H. Cooper, A. Bower, T. E. Robson, J. G. Meyer and K. C. Hamilton, and J. E. Henson, and S. M. White.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Proposals that the usual list for subscription to the Prize Fund be

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Further progress was made in the Colony Men's Singles Badminton Championship at Taikoo last night, when J. Ho beat C. N. Silva 15—8, 15—12 and S. H. Boone beat A. L. Fisher 15—3, 15—9.

The doubles match between L. Sung and T. F. Yong and M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho was not play.

posted up on the board, and that the bye-laws be printed on the back of the Balance Sheet in future, were carried.

Mr. Searle proposed that Mr. S. Gray, who had been a member of the Club since 1908, and who had played in many of the Club's competitions, be elected a Life Member. The proposal was carried acclamation.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Searle wished the in-coming officers a happy year.

INDOOR BOWLING LEAGUE

The first match in the first round of the second term in the Ewo League was played last evening, the "Optimists" beating the "Beer Barons" by 151 points.

Scores:

"OPTIMISTS"

S. A. Ismail	154	127	115	396
D. Hung	102	133	155	390
George Chow	112	136	134	382
F. R. Zimmern	98	133	121	349

Total

1,517

"BEER BARONS"

N. R. Kirk	163	105	113	381
E. A. Gaubert	97	110	165	373
P. Ehrhardt	106	72	137	315
N. J. Booker	86	105	106	297

Total

1,366

OPEN EVENT AT 'VARSITY SPORTS

At the annual sports meeting of Hong Kong University, to be held on Saturday next at Pokfulam, commencing at 1.30 p.m., there will be an event of 880 yards open to the Colony.

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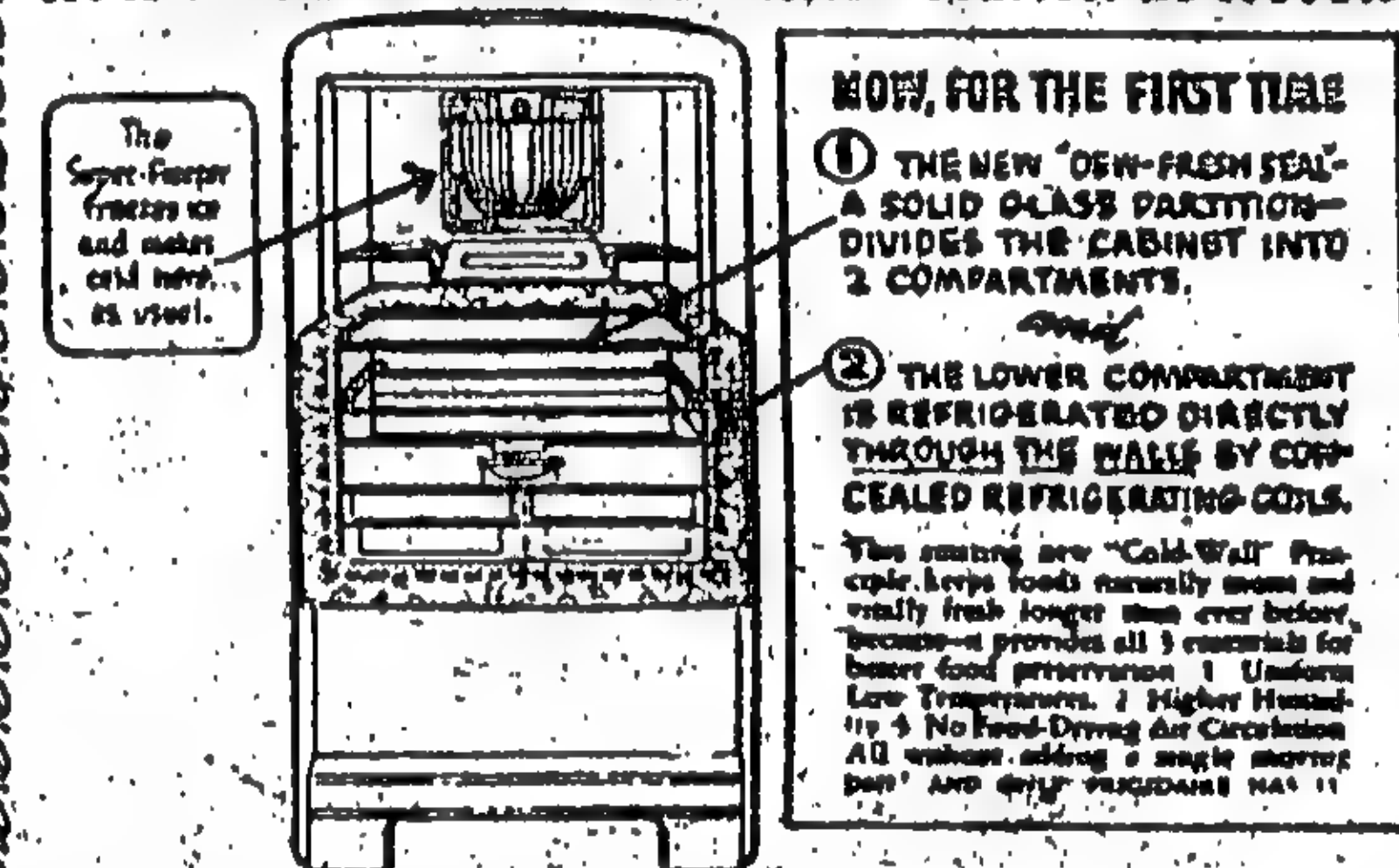
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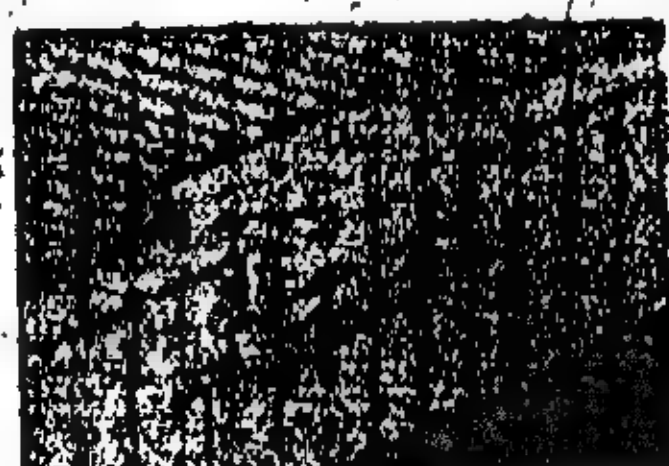


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GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for playing during this week-end:—

TO-DAY

2.00 p.m. H. G. Sheldon, I. H. Geare.
2.04 " J. G. Cotesworth, B. J. Morahan.
2.08 " L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Forbes.
2.12 " I. P. Tamworth, J. B. Mac-kie.
2.16 " C. C. Black, General Sutton.
2.40 " W. Bell, T. Low.

TO-MORROW

Old Course
9.16 a.m. E. H. Williams, R. R. de Liesching.
9.20 " D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.24 " D. D. Forbes, W. W. Rae.
9.28 " R. J. Shrigley, W. Bell.
9.32 " A. E. Lissaman, F. Groves.
9.36 " A. C. I. Bowker, W. F. Simmons.
9.40 " C. A. L. Rickett, M. Gardan.
9.44 " A. N. and Q. A. A. Mac-fadyen.
9.48 " Cdr. Murray, N. J. Perrin.
9.52 " D. S. Robb, I. H. Geare.
9.56 " I. P. Tamworth, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.00 " E. Davidson, A. Murdoch.
10.04 " R. G. Gray, A. H. Guinness.
10.08 " J. A. R. Selby, H. H. Mundy.
10.12 " A. D. and D. Humphreys.
10.13 " A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
10.20 " E. Laidlaw, R. J. K. Walker.
10.24 " T. F. R. Waters, R. G. Everest.
10.28 " A. R. S. Major, H. W. Heath.
10.32 " C. D. N. Walker, G. R. Riddell-Carre.
10.36 " W. T. Yoxall, H. F. Phillips.



10.40 " M. G. Carruthers, J. L. C. Peace.
10.44 " D'Arcy Weatherbe, K. S. Morrison.
10.48 " N. L. Evans, S. C. Feltham.
10.52 " R. H. Gregory, L. M. S. Lloyd.
10.56 " G. C. Worrall, E. T. McMullen.
11.00 " P. Jackson, W. Sharp.
11.04 " W. Woodward, J. Harrop.
11.08 " P. Welch, D. I. Bosanquet.
11.12 " K. S. Robertson, L. Jackson.
11.16 " W. W. C. Shewan, H. N. Williamson.
11.20 " F. C. Young, D. H. Clark.
11.24 " F. D. Hunter, T. A. Pearce.
11.28 " W. N. A. Smalley, O. Eager.
New Course
9.20 a.m. J. M. Pearson, A. C. Wheeler.
9.24 " Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Wheeler.
9.32 " Mrs. Shrigley, Mrs. Bell.
9.40 " W. J. Richards, H. S. Rees.
9.48 " Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Murray.
9.56 " H. C. and Mrs. Millett.
10.00 " W. G. L. Dunbar, L. R. Andrewes.
10.08 " Mrs. Selby, Mrs. Mundy.
10.12 " A. Tylor, H. G. Sheldon.
10.20 " C. J. Clackett, J. W. Mayhew.
10.24 " G. B. S. Thomson, J. Forbes.
10.28 " Mrs. Major, J. H. B. Lee.
10.36 " N. P. Fox, J. G. Cotesworth.
11.24 " Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Baines.

Scottish Rugby XV To Meet England

TWO CHANGES MADE FROM DEFEATED DUBLIN SIDE

Return Of W.H. Crawford

(By AIR MAIL)

THERE is no new "cap" in the Scotland Rugby fifteen to meet England in the "Calartta Cup" match on March 18, and the changes from the team which did so well against Ireland at Dublin, number two only, and but one from the original selection.

Crawford is recalled to the back row of the scrum, in place of G. D. Shaw (Sale), and Roberts takes up the full-back position he had to vacate through injury, thus displacing W. N. Penman (United Services).

It is obvious from the choice and the speedy selection that the Scottish Rugby Union selectors came to the conclusion, which was general, that the Scots, as they played at Dublin, were quite a good side and likely to do even better under improved ground and weather conditions.

J. G. S. FORREST UNAVAILABLE

Of course, it may have been felt that there was a shortage of pace on the wings, and that some rearrangement at stand-off, half-back, or centre would be required, and in this connection the selectors have been unfortunate in not being able to call upon J. G. S. Forrest (Cambridge University), who appeared to be a certain choice for a place in the three-quarter line, but for his muscle injuries.

Possibly it is an admission of the

SCOTLAND'S XV

The Scottish fifteen to meet England at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, in the last Rugby international match of the season on March 18 have been chosen as follows:—

G. Roberts (Watsonians);
J. R. S. Innes (Aberdeen University);
D. J. Macrae (St. Andrew's University);
R. W. Shaw (Glasgow High School F.P.), and
K. C. Fyfe (London Scottish);
R. B. Bruce Lockhart (London Scottish);
T. F. Dorward (Gala);
J. C. Henderson (Edinburgh Academicals);
I. N. Graham (Edinburgh Academicals);
W. Purdie (Jedforest);
G. B. Horsburgh (London Scottish);
A. Roy (Waterloo);
W. H. Crawford (United Services);
D. K. A. Mackenzie (Edinburgh Wanderers); and
W. B. Young (King's College Hospital, London).

weakness in pace for following-up that brings about the recall of Crawford, whose goal-kicking, of course, should be of value also.

W. B. YOUNG'S EXAMPLE

Crawford may be considered fortunate in finding his way back to a pack which produced improved scrummaging power as a result of sounder packing and determined shoving. Shaw is a man who can wing as well as do his work in the scrum, and although he was not very prominent at Dublin he appeared to do all that was asked of him.

Yet a factor in Crawford's selection may be that Young was able to adapt himself to primary work. So why not Crawford, if he makes up his mind to it?

ROBERTS' RETURN

While Crawford's selection may be a surprise to those who saw the courageous Scottish pack at Dublin, it would undoubtedly have been as big a surprise had Roberts not returned. His flurrying tackling is still required, but that is no reflection on Penman, who showed boldness in going down to the fierce Irish forward rushes.

That there are not other changes amongst the backs must be due to hopes for a firm footing and a dry ball as well as the feeling that such a raging pack as Ireland fielded will not be encountered.

Fyfe appears to be the lucky man, since his Dublin display showed him as being a bit past his best. Of Bruce Lockhart, who also came in for criticism, it can always be said that, given a good lot of the ball, he has tremendous possibilities.

Most people would have liked to have seen a really fast winger such as J. B. Craig (Heriot's F.P.), and it is unfortunate that neither honor R. H. Dryden (Watsonians), when they did get "capped," revealed the proper temperament.

All over, however, the selection of this fifteen will not meet with very much criticism from those who saw the fight the Scots put up at Dublin.

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Can Eastern Repeat Victory?



EXPENDITURE ON FANLING'S NEW CLUBHOUSE IS APPROVED

Authority was given to the general committee of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, at an extraordinary general meeting last night, to expend on the construction equipment and furnishing of a new club house at Fanling and it approaches a sum not exceeding \$400,000.

The committee were also given authority to borrow funds for this purpose from time to time as required up to a sum not exceeding \$300,000.

On the platform were Messrs. G. S. Archbutt (Captain), D. H. Blake, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, K. S. Morrison, A. D. Humphreys, D. J. Gilmore, I. H. Geare, K. S. Adamson and Lieut.-Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary).

The meeting was attended by 200 members.

The resolution before the meeting asked for powers to build a Clubhouse on the lines of a model shown at a cost not exceeding \$400,000; to borrow \$300,000; and to charge the following monthly subscriptions as from July 1 or some later date in the Committee's discretion: Playing Members \$8.50, Non-playing Members \$3, Subscribers \$8.50, Class "A" Playing Associate Members relatives of Playing Members \$2.50, All other Associate Playing Members (except the Junior Section) \$3, Class "B" Non-playing Associate Members \$5, Members of the Junior Section \$2, Associate Members (Junior Section) \$5 per annum.

Another resolution for the charging of higher green fees was also passed.

During the meeting Mr. G. S. Archbutt, captain of the Club, in answer to a question by a member, said that it was the duty of every committee to look ahead and not be satisfied with the club's immediate needs. Had previous committees not looked ahead there would have been no Fanling. In 1910 the Committee was accused of almost ruining the Club and there was a section who wanted two clubs, one for Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay and the other at Fanling. The committee's foresight resulted in Fanling being one of the finest courses in the Far East, and he felt sure that with every one's support there was no fear of the future.

The meeting unanimously elected Mr. A. Lissaman captain of the Club in succession to Mr. G. S. Archbutt.

During the course of his report on the proposed new Clubhouse, Mr. Archbutt said:

I do not propose to take you in detail through the accommodation, but I will refer to the salient features. There is ample dressing room accommodation. There are two dining rooms, two lounges, a card room upstairs, an adequate bar for men only and a cocktail bar in the ladies lounge, 18 double bed rooms in the ladies' section, 29 single bed rooms and one double in the men's section, and in addition as at present designed 1 suite 12 double bed room with sitting room. All the bed rooms are outside rooms and all rooms have plenty of light and air.

The double bed rooms each have a bath and lavatory, and there are in addition outside lavatories. In the men's section the bed rooms all have built-in cupboards, hot and cold water laid on, and provision is made for showers, baths and lavatories at the end of the building.

Meet South China "A" In Senior Shield To-day

IMPORTANT JUNIOR FIXTURE

TWO important games are featured in this afternoon's League football programme when Eastern and South China "A" meet in the Semi-Final of the Senior Shield, at Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.

South China "A" are not at all confident to-day as they were beaten by Eastern shortly after their successful trip to Saigon, by the odd goal in three, when they were outplayed for the greater part of the game.

South China are only making one change from their regular line-up where Cheung Wing-choy will again replace Pau Ka-ping, who is not available owing to pressure of work, in goal.

Lee Ting-sang, who was absent in the first game, will be playing and his presence should have a steadying effect on the defence.

Eastern will field the same team which beat South China "A," but are making several positional changes. Hsu King-seng and Soon Ling-sing change places, the former moving to left half where he will play policeman to Tam Kwong-sum, Soong Ling-sing taking the pivotal position.

Two other First division games have been arranged, but have no bearing on the championship. Kowloon meet Police at Boundary Road and will be without Hartley, who is injured, and Honnibal, who is not available. Jeffreys will be seen in goal, while Everest, who was at Volunteer camp last week, returns to the team.

The result of the Royal Scots and South China match in the Second Division will have a very important bearing on the championship, but in view of the consistently good form by Royal Scots, a win for them is anticipated.

In the event of the Senior Shield game resulting in a draw, the replay will be held to-morrow on the same ground and the game between Eastern and St. Joseph's will be postponed.

An interesting situation has arisen in the "A" section of the Third Division, as three teams have tied for second place. As goal average is not taken into account in Hong Kong, the three teams, 30th Battery, South China and Kitcher, will have to play off and the first game between 30th Battery and South China will take place to-morrow, on the Club ground.

There is no doubt as to the necessity for the accommodation provided. We could at the present time fill our sleeping accommodation several times over, particularly at all holiday seasons, and it is our opinion that the provision for more comfortable accommodation will, in itself, create an increased demand. There are undoubtedly many members who would stay out at Fanling, if the bed room accommodation were more comfortable. What we are now providing for our members is the possibility of staying out at Fanling in comfort, and this, in itself, supplies a much needed want in Hong Kong, which is the possibility of spending a short holiday in comfort in beautiful surroundings within easy reach of the Colony and with magnificent golf courses or country for walking.

The actual cost to our members of this accommodation will be very little greater than it is at present. It is our intention that lodging and meals shall be available to our members at the lowest possible cost, in keeping with the principle which we have always had before us of providing all the amenities as reasonably as possible.



NEXT WEEK'S LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

The following is next week's Lawn Tennis Championship programme to be held on their courts. Numbers in brackets denote the number of the court:

MONDAY
Open Singles
Peter U v. Lt. J. S. Theobald (2), A. Crawford v. Pang Oi-lam (3), Leung Ping-chiu v. Lee Wai-tong (4), S. A. Rumjahn v. N. L. Evans (7).
Club Championship
T. J. Gould v. B. O'M. Deane (6).

Open Doubles
A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5).
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (holders) v. O. Rumjahn and S. R. Hussain.
Club Handicap Singles
Lt. N. D'Oily (-2.6) v. J. L. C. Pearce (scr.).

TUESDAY
Open Singles
S. W. Liang v. N. A. E. Mackay (2), F. H. Kwok v. P. S. Leong (3), Luk Chun-cheung v. C. R. Bax (6), T. A. Pearce v. W. K. Ma (7).
Open Doubles
Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam v. I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk (5).
J. W. Leonard and George Choa v. Paul Kong and B. Szeto (8).

Club Handicap Singles
J. C. Pool (1.6) v. A. T. Dow (-2.6).
WEDNESDAY
Open Singles
Lim Thian-tet v. Lee Yue-wing (8), H. C. Gan v. George Choa (4), Ho Kailau v. W. C. Hung (5), E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong.
Club Championship
J. J. Ferguson v. Capt. A. B. Whatman (6).
Club Handicap Singles
V. R. Gordon (-3.6) v. T. C. Monaghan (-4.8) (1), N. L. Evans (scr.) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (-1.6) (7).

THURSDAY
Open Singles
O. Rumjahn v. I. M. A. Razack (3), Tsui Wai-pui (holder) v. Chan Chi-keung (5), Tsui Ping-lan v. Chan Kam-moon (6), Tsui Yun-pui v. Wan Tse-nam (7), B. Szeto v. J. W. Leonard (8).
Club Handicap Singles
E. R. Childs (1.6) v. L. P. Ralph (1.6) (1), T. J. Price (-1.6) v. R. K. Valentine (-1.6) (2), C. W. E. Bishop (-1.6) v. F. A. Joseph (-1.6) (4).

FRIDAY
Open Doubles
Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky v. Lt. D. C. Misa and Lt. S. M. Afzal (4), S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett v. A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios or W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5).
Club Championship
T. A. Pearce v. T. C. Monaghan (6).
Club Handicap Singles
H. J. Armstrong (-1.6) v. R. M. M. King (3.6) (1), W. Wooding (scr.) v. C. O. Stark (2.6) (2), C. B. Nicholson (-3.6) v. J. Thomson (-2.6) (3), H. D. Bidwell (-1.6) v. A. K. Mackenzie (-1.6) (7), L. Goldman (-3.0) v. J. J. Ferguson (-1.6) (8).

Local Football Forecast

TO-DAY
Senior Shield Semi-Final
South China "A" v. Eastern
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Goss.
Linesmen:—Wilson and Wilkins.

First Division
Club v. Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Farr and Fraser.
Police v. Kowloon
(Boundary Road, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.

Linesmen:—Dove and Demmee.
Second Division
R.A.O.C. v. 5th R.A.
(Military, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Adlam.

Club v. Middlesex
(Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

Royal Scots v. South China
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards.

Police v. Kowloon
(Boundary, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Clarke.

TO-MORROW
First Division
Eastern v. St. Joseph's
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Glover.

Linesmen:—Hartley and Barretto.
THIRD DIVISION "A"
Play off Runner-up position
Division "3" "A"

30th R.A. v. South China
(Club, 3 p.m.)
Referee:—Silva.

LEAGUE CRICKET DOUBTFUL

If weather permits there should be three extremely interesting matches in the Senior Cricket League this afternoon. At the moment of writing, however, prospects of cricket this afternoon appear slim.

Kowloon, who lost their big chance of winning the shield last week when they were held to a tie by Reccreio, meet Indian Recreation Club and if successful, are at least assured of a play-off with Reccreio for the shield.

Reccreio have yet to meet Navy and Club. The former fixture will take place this afternoon at Reccreio and in view of the considerable improvement in the Navy I shall be surprised if Reccreio manage to win outright. If they get their opponents out very cheaply, they might manage enough runs to win by a very narrow margin.

SHOULD WIN
Club, who are still in the hunting, should have little difficulty in beating Craigengower this afternoon although if the latter team strike the form of which they are capable, they might make a draw of it.

In the Second Division, an important game will be played at the Valley where Police entertain K.C.C.

If Police are not too weakened by the calls of 7-a-side rugby they should win on their own ground.

PROGRAMME
First Division
H.K.C.C. v. C.C.C.
Reccreio v. Navy
C.S.C.C. v. Army
K.C.C. v. I.R.C.
Second Division
P.R.C. v. K.C.C.
O.C.C. v. I.R.C.
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Relay Of Rugger Match From Belfast

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intorcession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
12.50 p.m.—Sea Shanties & Choruses.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Grace Moore (Soprano).
The Dubarry (from the Operetta); I Give My Heart (from the Operetta "The Dubarry"); The Whistling Boy (film "When You're in Love"); Our Song (film "When You're in Love").
1.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Orchestras with Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Curtain Up (Ballerina Suite—A. Wood); Manhattan Moonlight (Alter); Seville (Cities of Romance)—Haydn Wood; Lullworth Cove (Shadwell).....The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra cond. by Charles Shadwell with Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
Monckton Melodies (arr. Stanford Robinson).....The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra under the direction of Stanford Robinson.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance

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You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere — Quickstep; Sunset In Vienna—Fox-Trot (from the film).....Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
So Do I (film "Pennies from Heaven"); One, Two, Button Your Shoe (film "Pennies from Heaven").....Bing Crosby (Vocal) with George Stoll & His Orchestra.
If You Only Knew—Waltz (from "Crest of the Wave"); Why Isn't It You?—Quickstep (from "Crest of the Wave").....Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orch.
Let's Call A Heart A Heart (film "Pennies from Heaven"); Pennies from Heaven (from the film).....Bing Crosby (Vocal) with George Stoll & His Orchestra.
Love, Please Stay—Waltz; One Kiss In A Million—Waltz; I'm Just Beginning To Care — Fox-Trot; I'm Still In Love With You—Waltz.....Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Violin Solos by Efrem Zim

ballad.
Carmen—Fantasy (Bizet—arr. Sarasate).....with T. Saldenberg at the Piano.

6.09 p.m.—Bizet—Symphony No. 1 In C Major. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
6.37 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.39 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "West End Cabaret" with Effic Atherton; May, June and Julie; The Mystery Singer; The Two Charlatades; Madge Stephens and Peggy Rhodes; Clifford Stanton; Queenie Leonard and Edward Cooper; Madge Mullen at the Piano; Piping by Ex-Pipe Major Massie; Philip Wade as a Taxi driver; Ord Hamilton and his 20th Century Band and Interruptions by Leonard Henry as the Visitor. Devised and Produced by Cecil Madden.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell and London Piano-Accordeon Band. One Of The Little Orphans Of The Storm (film "Queen of Hearts").....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orch.
Medley. Intro: In A Little Gypsy Tea Room; Rehearsing A Lullaby; Kiss Me Goodnight; Lullaby of Broadway; Little Golden Locket; Call Me Sweetheart.....London Piano-Accordeon Band under the direction of Scott Wood with Vocal Chorus.
Sandy's Honeymoon.....Sandy Powell (Comedian).
Medley. Intro: In A Little Gypsy Tea Room; Rehearsing A Lullaby; Kiss Me Goodnight; Lullaby of Broadway; Little Golden Locket; Call Me Sweetheart.....London Piano-Accordeon Band under the direction of Scott Wood, with Vocal Chorus.
Donkey's Serenade (film "Firefly"); Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers (Milne & Fraser-Simson).....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with

Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—Waltz—Facade Suite. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.
8.50 p.m.—London Relay — "London Log".
9 p.m.—Selections from Wagner's Operas.
"Lohengrin"—Elsa's Dream; "Tannhauser"—Elisabeth's Greeting.....Elisabeth Rothberg (Soprano) and the Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Fritz Zwer.
Siegfried Idyll.....Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.
"Tannhauser"—O Star Of Eve....Gerhard Husch (Baritone) and Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Hanns Udo Muller.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Tango Tentatore; (b) Olvidate Milonguita; (c) Cumparsita; (d) Ojazos.
10.05 p.m.—Record: Somebody's Wrong (Ursell); Memphis Blues (Handy).....Ern Pettifor (Clarinet) with Piano and Guitar accompaniment.
10.10 p.m.—(a) This is my night to dream; (b) Caravan; (c) It's the Dreamer in me; (d) Mocking Bird.
10.25 p.m.—Records: Red Maple Leaves (Kennedy-Grosz); What Goes On Here In My Heart (film "Give Me A Sailor").....Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir).....Al Bollington (Cinema Organ).
10.35 p.m.—(a) Never in a million years; (b) Knees up Mother Brown; (c) St. Louis Blues; (d) Sweet Sue.
10.50 p.m.—Record: The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise (Seitz); A Musical Journey From New York To California.....Ken Harvey (Banjo) with Instrument Quartet.
10.55 p.m.—London Relay—Ireland v. Wales. A commentary on the International Rugby Union Football Match by H. B. T. Wakelam from Ravenhill Park, Belfast.
12.30 a.m.—Close down.



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♠ A 7 4 ♠ J 8
 ♥ Q 10 9 6 ♥ 10 7 2
 ♦ K Q 3 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ 0 ♣ K 10 8 6 4 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the bidding West did some very adroit "pushing," trying to get his opponents beyond their depth. While South could have doubled his rash opponent and set him several tricks, he refused to "sell" his hand.

Things proceeded well enough for South up to a certain point. West opened the King of diamonds, and after winning, South played a club to dummy's Queen. East won this trick with the club Ace and returned a heart. Now South laid down the King of spades. West won and returned a heart, hoping his partner could trump. South next played the Queen of spades, and when the Jack dropped, drew West's remaining trump with his ten. This last play cost South the hand, for he had neglected to guard against the bad division of the club suit. When the King of clubs was played and West showed out, South saved something out of the wreck by playing another club, on which he discarded dummy's last heart. It was now necessary for East to return a diamond, on which South Aces.

discarded a club. West's Queen won, but this established the Jack in dummy, so that South held the penalty down to only one trick.

However, a simple safety play would have won the contract. After dropping the spade Jack, South should have led a small trump to dummy's nine. Next he should have played a small club and finessed the ten. If West held the Jack, he would win this trick, but would take no more and, as the cards were distributed, the finesse would have worked and South, by playing safe for his contract, would have made an overtrick.

Yesterday you were Declarer at three notrump. Dummy held:

♠ K 10 x x
 ♥ A J 9 x
 ♦ x
 ♣ A 10 x x

You hold:
 ♠ Q x
 ♥ K x
 ♦ A K Q x x x
 ♣ x x

The opening lead was the three of hearts. What cards do you play from dummy?

ANSWER: You must play the Ace of hearts so as to preserve the King as a sure extra entry to your own hand in case the diamonds break 4-1. Remember, you are playing for three notrump, not six.

Score 100% for the Ace of hearts, 0 for any other card.
Question No. 45.

You are Mervin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ K x x
 ♥ x x x x x
 ♦ x x
 ♣ x x

The opponents are vulnerable, you are not, and the bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow).
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What's On At the Cinemas

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Love Finds Andy Hardy", with Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Cecilia Parker, Fay Holden and Judy Garland. Another of the Hardy family pictures. The predecessors have all been well received and this production is full of the laughter, heart throbs and thrills of the others.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 11th March, 1939 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th March, 1939 to Saturday, 11th March, 1939 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th February, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1939.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1939.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4091, Tung Mi Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	about 5,184	90	15,432
As per sale plan						

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	South of Barral Building Lot No. 587	South of Barral Building Lot No. 587, Barral Road, Cameron Road.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	about 2,400	250	2,688
As per sale plan						

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tin Hau Temple Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Inland Lot No. 588	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 587, Tin Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	about 6,100	112	6,100
As per sale plan						

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Inland Lot No. 587	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 588, North Point.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	about 6,400	118	6,400
As per sale plan						

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CZECH ARMY NIPS ATTEMPTED COUP

(Continued from Page 1)
by Karmasin, leader of the German minority, has arrived in Vienna on a special mission from Dr. Tiso.

Nothing definite is known in German political circles in regard to the rumour of an appeal by the Slovaks to Hitler, though it was stated that it was possible Durcansky's mission had some such object.

HACHA ATTACKED

Although official circles in Berlin remained silent, Nazi political circles and the Berlin press appear to sympathise wholeheartedly with the Slovaks. The papers attack President Hacha's action.

Later it was semi-officially stated in Berlin that the Slovak Government under Premier Tiso (who were dismissed by President Hacha) have sent a Note to the Reich.

Durcansky (says a cable from Vienna) is understood to have left for Berlin to interview Hitler after delivering a broadcast in which he described the members of the newly-appointed Slovak Government as "traitors to the Slovak cause."

Durcansky declared that intervention of Prague was unjustifiable from the constitutional viewpoint.

GERMAN DISCRETION

Events are being closely watched by the Wilhelmstrasse, but official circles maintain a discreet silence on the subject of Slovakian autonomy, for which there is much sympathy in the Germany capital.

A Budapest report says the Slovaks have sent an appeal to Hitler to intervene with Prague on

their behalf. The Budapest report quotes messages from Bratislava.

It is stated the crisis reached the climax when it was discovered that the Radical Slovak elements intended to proclaim an independent Slovak State and secede from Prague.

TACIT CONSENT

It is pointed out that the Germans are in a position to exercise great influence on all developments in Czecho-Slovakia, and the opinion is held in Budapest that it is hard to believe that the Prague Government could have resorted to such strong action as the dismissal of the Slovak Prime Minister without the knowledge, or at any rate the tacit consent, of Germany.

It is felt in Budapest that it will now be difficult to restore Federal collaboration between the Slovak and Czech governments.

It is reported that an attempt by the Hlinka Guards to establish a military dictatorship following dissolution of the civil administration, was suppressed by motorised troops which arrived at Bratislava in the morning.

NEW PREMIER

Meanwhile Prague has retailed Deputy Sivak from his journey to Rome to attend the Pope's coronation.

He has been appointed Slovak Premier in place of Dr. Tiso, who it is again reported, has protested against his dismissal to Hitler.

Some members of the dissolved Hlinka Guards have been confined to barracks, others have been sent

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to Moravia.

While Bratislava, the Slovak capital, has been quiet since quelling of the minor disturbances there in the morning, its railway stations are heavily guarded.

No newspaper is allowed to appear and the military commander has forbidden the public to listen in to foreign broadcasts.—Reuter.

CORDON ROUND TOWN

Bratislava, To-day.

After occupation of Bratislava by Czech troops in the early hours of yesterday morning, troops proceeded to draw a cordon round the town to isolate it and prevent the entry of Hlinka Guards from outside, who had been called out in the whole province on Thursday evening.

Czech troops occupied the railway stations as well as all public buildings, and cut off telephonic communications.

CLUB STORMED

The Slovak Students' Club, "Voradov," was stormed by troops at the point of the bayonet after students had taken to arms to defend the building.

Hlinka Guards in the town were, as far as possible, disarmed and prominent personalities of the party, including Professor Tuka and the Chief of the Propaganda Service, Mach, arrested.

The part played in the whole affair by the Slovak Minister of State, Sidor, who is supporting the Central Government's action although he is at head of the Hlinka Guards still remains mysterious. Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts of Pystian and Banska - Distritzka where Czech troops are said to have encountered resistance.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMoured CARS ON PATROL

All public buildings and all larger factories are occupied by troops and armoured cars are patrolling the streets.

Machine-guns have been brought into position before the headquarters of the Hlinka Guards, a number of whom have been arrested.

At noon yesterday, cars conveying Czech police arrived at the Government Building and were received with hostile shouts by a constantly growing crowd, who sang the Slovak National Anthem while police, making use of truncheons, endeavoured to scatter the demonstrators.

Cordons have been drawn across streets in various parts of the town to prevent crowds collecting. The Slovak town Trencschin-Teplitz has been occupied by Czech troops.—Trans-Ocean.

STOP PRESS

Prague, To-day.

The Bratislava radio is announcing the overthrow of the new provisional government and the retreat of the Czech gendarmes.

M. Sidor, Vice-Premier of the Prague Government, in an earlier broadcast from Bratislava, declared: "The crisis between Czechs and Slavs will be settled in the next 24 hours."

A Vienna despatch says that M. Karmasin, leader of the German minority in Slovakia, has returned to Bratislava from Vienna.—Reuter.

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HITLER SUMMONED HIS CLOSEST ADVISERS TO A MIDNIGHT CONFERENCE IN THE CHANCELLERY ON THE CZECH CRISIS.—REUTER.

Vienna, To-day.

Three hundred Aryan political prisoners were released yesterday under an amnesty to commemorate the anniversary of the Anschluss.

Dr. Schuschnigg, ex-Chancellor of Austria, and the former Burgomaster of Vienna, Dr. Schmitz, who have been under arrest since the Germans marched into Austria, were excluded from the amnesty.

No Jews will benefit.—Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

A detailed foreign report from Ichang concerning the Japanese bombing of Ichang on Tuesday and Wednesday, states:

"One bomb dropped inside the compound of the Scottish Mission boys' school, and seven bombs landed inside the American Mission compound, two of which hit and wrecked a foreign residence. All buildings were damaged.

"Two large American flags on the ground were almost obliterated with debris.

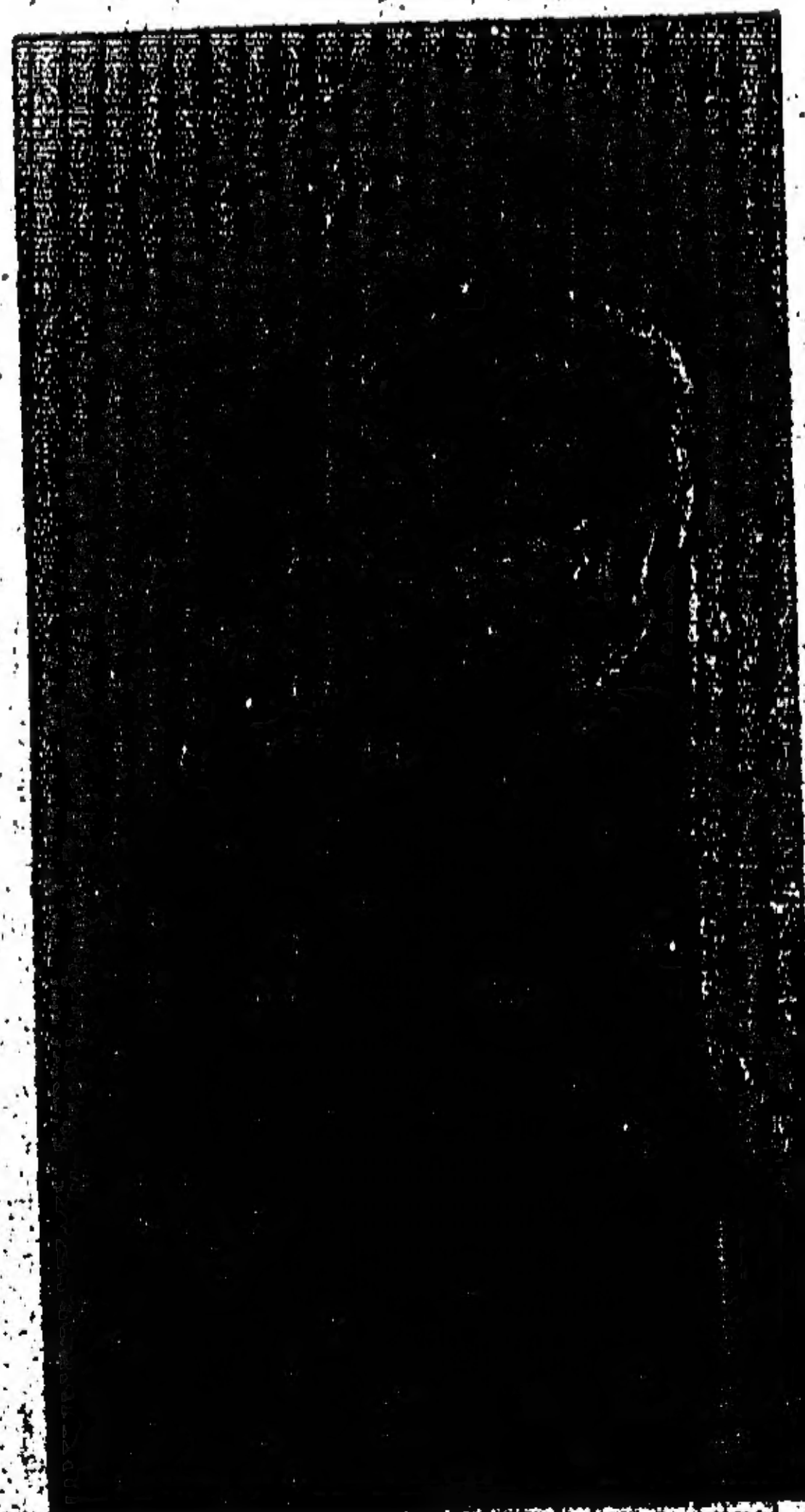
"Deaconess Elsie W. Riebe had a miraculous escape, one bomb falling within 15 feet of her.

"Six bombs landed in the Mei Hua School compound of the American Protestant Episcopal Mission, which was well marked with American flags in the air and on the ground.

"The Scottish Mission boys' school, which was hit, was also well marked with flags.

"Total casualties are not yet available but are believed to be well over 1,500.—Reuter.

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